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Dedication

To My Grandchildren

James Michael and Dana Ann Yeisley

This Account of Your Ancestors
is Affectionately Dedicated

Veda Goodnight Jones

Acknowledgements

In a work of this magnitude there are many contributors. At the end of the trail, the one who made the book possible was my granddaughter, Stephanie Jones Schein. She word processed the entire manuscript, resulting in a publishable manuscript. Early on, my daughter, Jody Jones Yeisley took me to Nodaway County Missouri and Coin, Iowa (places where the later Yeisleys lived). Her help and the cooperation of the Yeisley family gave the project a jump start. My son, Don, was my primary proofreader. With all the help I have gotten from my family, the one thing I can claim as solely my own are the errors and omissions.

Preface

The study of genealogy is not the compilation of a dry set of dates of births and deaths. It is rather a record of individuals who lived, who had good times, who suffered through bad times, and who, above all survived to procreate, raise families and keep their line going. This is a story of families who left their homes and came to the new world of opportunity. Once in America. they worked and prospered, joining in the settlement of the country, east to west.

A genealogical effort such as this represents (for me) the end of a delightful detective story. One sifts data for clues; sometimes the flimsiest leads pay off handsomely. But, the further we go back in time, inevitably, the dimmer the trail. For instance, in the earliest records, wives are often reported by first name only, and sometimes not even that. Also, the immigrants often spoke no English, or were illiterate, or both; so in some cases there is no written trail. Then, tax and church records are all we have.

This book is the culmination of eight years of work. A labor of love for my son-in-law and grandchildren. Working on the book brought home forcefully the sacrifice families make for one another. The Reverend William Yeisley spent years researching the Yeisley line, but died before he published. His daughter, Laura Yeisley Benson, with the help of her husband, tabulated and published a listing of the Yeisley lines her father had found, preserving the esssence of her fathers' work. Arthur H. Davison spent many years on the Davison families, also dying before publishing. Close family members finished his book, printed one copy in his memory, and placed it in the Iowa Genealogical Society Library.

In this book I have made use of many primary records (originals of deeds and wills, cemetary listings, bibles, etc.) as well as secondary records (reported by others). In some cases I have been fortunate to straighten out errors that were previously reported, owing primarily to similarities in names. The (Mormon) Salt Lake Genealogical Library has been a rich source of information. My hope now is that others can use my work as I have leaned on those worthies who came before me.

ABBREVIATIONS

A.	acre	op. cit.	opere citato (work cited in a recent footnote)
b.	born	p.	page number
bap.	baptized	pp.	pages
BK	book	R	range (land location)
bro/	brother of	Sec.	section of land
bur.	buried	SEQ	southeast quarter
c	circa (about)	SWQ	southwest quarter
CR	Court Record	(sic.)	error noted
Ct.	Court	sis/	sister of
d.	died	T or twp	township (land division within a county)
dau/	daughter of	Vol.	volume
ibid.	ibidem (same as prec. footnote)	VR	Vital Records
Ł	English pound	w/	wife of
loc.cit.	loco citato (listed in a recent ftnote)	wid/	widow of
m.	married		
NEQ	Northeast Quarter (land)		
NWQ	Northwest Quarter "		

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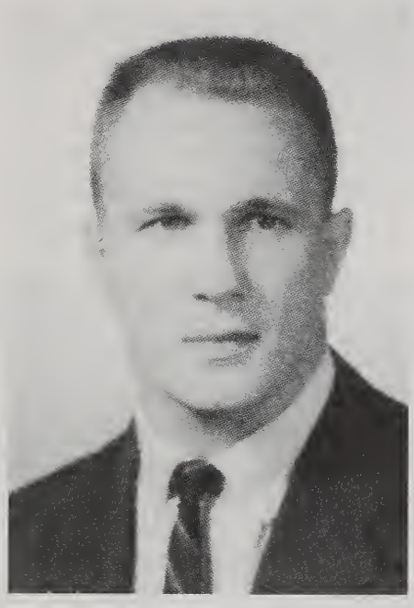
JAMES WALTER YEISLEY (1932-____) - JoANN JONES (1934- ____)



Jim

Jody

James Walter, only son and youngest child of Walter Cole Yeisley and his wife Pearl Davison, was born December 21, 1932 in the town of Laredo in Grundy County, Missouri.

Jim's elementary and secondary education was obtained in the Coin, Page County, Iowa school system. He graduated from Coin High School in the spring of 1951. During his high school years, he excelled in Sports--football, basketball and track. However, not all of his energies were concentrated on sports. He sang in the glee club, took part in two class plays and was twice elected Vice-President of his class. During summer vacations, he earned his own spending money by mowing lawns and delivering papers. When he became old enough, he went out into the countryside and worked for the farmers in this agricultural community.

His performance on the Coin High School football team earned Jim a 4-year scholarship to the University of Nebraska which he entered in the fall of 1951. He soon earned his letter as a defense halfback- on the Cornhusker's football team. As time went on, sports reporters took note. The October 1, 1956 issue of Collier's magazine carried a 2-page article extolling the virtues of J.C. Caroline, star football player for the University of Illinois. One small paragraph mentioned Nebraska's Jim Yeisley.

> *In the second quarter, with Illinois leading 7-0, Nebraska's Jim Yeisley sprinted into Caroline's sector--faked in toward the middle--then cut out to the right and caught a pass from quarterback Johnny Bordogna on Nebraska's 37. Unmolested by Caroline, who was completely fooled on the play, Yeisley raced to Illinois' 39 to touch off a Nebraska offensive which produced three touchdowns and a 21-7 advantage.*

Each year, representatives of professional football were constantly on the lookout for new recruits and kept track of the records of the "cream of the crop" players about ready to leave the Universities. In

Jim's fourth year, representatives of the Green Bay Packers interviewed Jim and there was talk of a draft.[1]

Who are the Green Bay Packers and what is the National Football League? Well, back in 1919, Earl "Curly" Lambeau, just home from the Notre Dame University, went to work for the Indian packing Company in his home town of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was instrumental in organizing a football team among the employees of the packing plant. At the end of the second year, the team had made a good name for itself, so they joined the American Professional Football Association, predecessor of the National Football league. At the end of the season, they placed fourth in the 13-team league with a 6-2-2 record. The following year, the Green Bay Packers found themselves in financial trouble; they were $2,500 in the red. Civic pride in the team and generous contributions from the community put the team on solid ground. The next year, the Packers placed third in the League which had expanded its members to 18. National fame came to the Green Bay Packers during the next thirty years and today, their popularity has not waned. More than thirty of their members have been selected to have their names carved on the honor rolls of the Football Hall of Fame.

To one who loved football and had demonstrated his ability as a player, the opportunity to become of member of this famous team was very exciting. A pulled ligament and an operation on each knee during the last half of his senior year wiped out any hope Jim had of becoming a part of this team or any other.

In 1957, Jim obtained a sales position with the Johns-Manville Building Supply Company in Denver, Colorado. The following year, he was assigned to their Salt Lake City, Utah office. Three months later, he returned to Denver to marry JoAnn "Jody" Jones, a Denver secretary. After the wedding on June 28, 1958, Jim returned to Salt Lake City with his bride.

Jody, born December 19, 1934 in Pueblo, Colorado, was the daughter of Clifton Y. Jones, a postal clerk in the Pueblo office, and his wife, Veda Goodnight. Both were born in Johnson County, Missouri, Clifton was the son of George C. Jones and his wife, Susie Vina McDonough. Veda was the daughter of William Moore Goodnight and his wife, Alice Butterfield.[2] Jody's elementary and secondary education was obtained in the Denver, Colorado Public Schools. After her graduation from East High School, she worked as a secretary for several Denver oil firms and went to night school at the University of Colorado Extension Center until her marriage in June of 1958.

Jim and Jody had been in Salt Lake City for about a year when their son, James Michael, was born June 6, 1959 at Holy Cross Hospital. Six months later, Jim was recalled to the Denver office for a short time. His next assignment was the Grand Junction, Colorado office and five moths later, he was sent to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Here the family remained until January 1964, at which time, Jim resigned and accepted a sales job in the Lighting Division of the Westinghouse Corporation in Denver.

Jim and Jody were living in an apartment in Suburban Arvada when their daughter, Dana Ann was born in Denver's Presbyterian Hospital, June 27, 1964. The following year, they purchased a house on Bell Court in Lakewood, just west of the Denver City limits.

Mike attended Lakewood's Slater Elementary School. When he was eight, Mike decided to become a Cub-Scout but there was a problem; not enough den-mothers to accommodate new recruits. Not to be deterred, Mike harassed his mother until she finally agreed to take the job. Three year-old Dana was allowed to attend the meetings and became the Cub Scout Mascot. That summer, Mike also joined the Little League baseball team while his dad helped out as Assistant Coach.

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[1]Draft in football terminology means to select a prospective player in professional sports.

[2]Family histories of Jody's grandparents, **William Moore Goodnight** and his wife, **Alice Butterfield,** both natives of Johnson County Missouri, were published in 1983. Jody's mother, Veda Goodnight Jones and her aunt, Mabel Goodnight Stevenson, were co-authors of the two books.

During the summer of 1970, the family moved to Rye, New York. Jim was sent to Westinghouse's New York Office for a period of two years to take special training that would lead to a District Manager's position. Rye was a beautiful town thirty miles outside the city and the schools were excellent. Dana was enrolled in 1st Grade, Mike in the 5th.

The two-story house on Grace Church Street that the family rented was "For Sale." Asking price was $57,000. Fifteen years later (1985), the house was again on the market. This time the price tag was $450,000. If Jim's salary had been doubled when he was sent to New York, the whole family, especially the parents, would have enjoyed their tenure there. As it was, they were relieved when Jim was assigned to the Charlotte, North Carolina office as District Manager of Westinghouse's South-East Division. Since this was to be a semi-permanent location, Jim and Jody purchased a house in the south-east section of Charlotte. Here they remained until March of 1975. Mike and Dana attended schools in the area until Dana entered the 5th grade. That year she was bussed to the First Ward Elementary School in down-town Charlotte. Forced bussing had been in effect for five years.

When the district manager of the Houston office was transferred to Chicago, Jim was offered the post and he accepted. The Charlotte house was sold and a down payment was made on a house on Baffin Lane in the Westador sub-division, fifteen miles north of downtown Houston. Preparations were made for the move to a new home. The family car was not large enough to accommodate the whole family plus Cricket, the Doberman Pincer. And then there was Charley, a half-starved black cat with cauliflower ears who had found himself a comfortable home when he stopped at the Yeisley's house looking for food. Dana immediately adopted him and was sure he would travel to Houston with the family, but Jim said, "No way, one animal is enough." Dana continued to argue Charley's right to go with "his" family and, finally, her dad relented and agreed that Charley could go to Texas, too.

In order to be in Houston when the moving van arrived, Jim and Mike left three days early, the trunk full of luggage and the back seat occupied by Cricket. She was too jealous of Charley to peacefully share space in the car, so Charley remained behind to fly with Jody, Dana and Jody's mother who had flown in from California to help with the move.

Mike graduated from Spring High School in 1977, entered Texas University at Austin that fall and graduated in 1981. His fraternity affiliation was Phi Delta Theta. As a child, Mike's goal was not to be a fireman, or a policeman--he wanted to fly an airplane. He never wavered in his determination and, in the fall of 1981 he joined the United States Air Forces and, at this writing (1986), he is a Captain, stationed in Germany. He flies an F-15 for the NATO forces. His enlistment will be completed in 1990.

Dana attended elementary and secondary schools in the Westador area. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1982. She is now attending Stephen F. Austin University at Nacogdoces, Texas. her Sorority in Chi Omega. Her degree (spring of 1987) will be in Elementary Education.

For the past nine years, Jody has owned and operated a business of her own under the trade name of Classic Monograms. Many a garment, towel, of piece of linen has been personalized with her beautiful monograms.

Westinghouse's Commercial Lighting Division was sold in February of 1983 to the North American Phillips Lighting Corporation. Very soon after that, Jim was promoted to Regional Sales Manager, a position which he now holds.

UPDATE - October 1991

On October 1, 1987, James Walter Yeisley was critically injured in a car accident. He sustained a serious head injury, a fractured fifth vertebra and a collapsed lung. He was comatose for ten days and in the hospital for nine months. Jim came home on July 6, 1988. He attends a rehabilitation center on an out-patient basis and although he is still unable to walk, that is the goal he's working towards.

James Michael served eight and one-half years in the Air Force, three years of which was in Bitburg, Germany with the NATO forces, flying the F-15. He was discharged in May 1990 and the following month went to work as a pilot for Delta Airlines. His home base is Dallas, Texas.

Mike was married to Leslie Frasher in a civil ceremony in Houston, Texas on April 23, 1991. On April 30th, the religious ceremony was performed in the chapel of Schloss Hamm, a castle in Hamm, Germany owned by Countess Gabriele von Westerholt. Mike had lived in an apartment located on the castle grounds while stationed in Germany.

Dana graduated from Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas in June 1987. She went to work for American Airlines as a flight attendant and is currently based in Dallas, Texas.

Pearl Yeisley, in the spring of 1987, suffered a broken hip. She now (1991) resides in a Nursing Home in Shenandoah, Iowa. She is 88 years old.

Leslie & Mike in the Great Hall of Schloss Hamm

Schloss Hamm in Hamm, Germany

Be it known that
on the 28th day of June
in the Year of our Lord 1958

James W. Veisley
and
Shiela Jo Ann Jones
were by me

United in Marriage

in accordance with the Laws of
Colorado
at Warren Methodist Church - Denver

Lowell B. Swan
MINISTER

Witnesses Kay F. Jones
Robert D. Smith

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND James Walter Yeisley, Regional Sales Manager Philips Corporation
Born 21 Dec 1932 Laredo, Grundy County, Missouri
Married 28 Jun 1958 Denver, Denver County, Colorado
Living 1991 Houston, Harris County, Texas
Buried
Husband's Father Walter Cole Yeisley Mother Pearl Davison
Husband's other wives

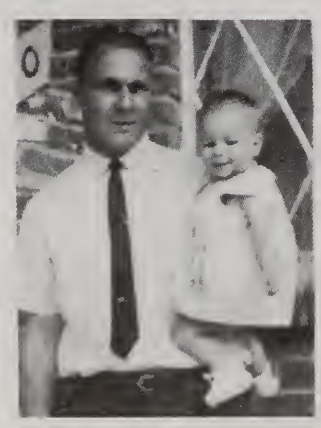
WIFE JoAnn "Jody" Jones, Secretary; Owner,Manager CLASSIC MONOGRAMS
Born 19 Dec 1934 Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado
Living 1991 Houston, Harris County, Texas
Buried
Wife's Father Clifton Youree Jones Mother Veda Belle Goodnight
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

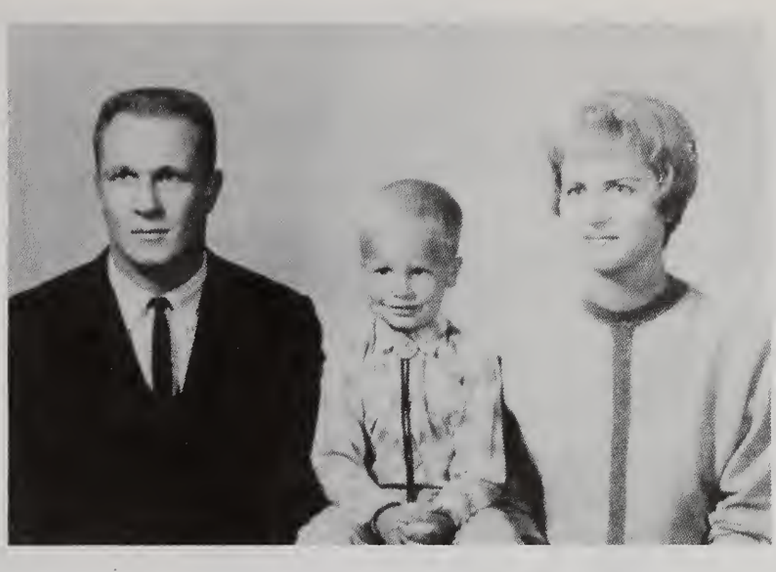
1. James Michael Yeisley, Capt. U. S. Air Force (pilot NATO Forces)
   b. 6 Jun 1959 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah
   m. 23 Apr 1991 Houston, Harris County, Texas
   living 1991 Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

2. Dana Ann Yeisley, student, Stephen F. Austin University (1985)
   b. 27 Jun 1964 Denver, Denver County, Colorado
   m. single
   living 1991 Dallas, Dallas County, TX

Jody and James Michael

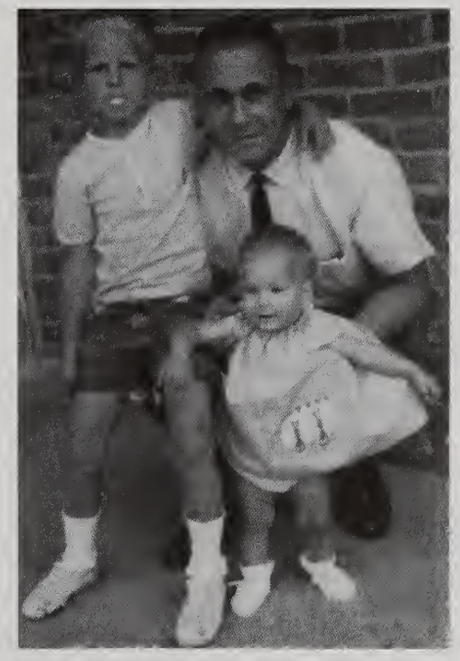


Jim and Dana Ann



Jim Mike Jody

Mike



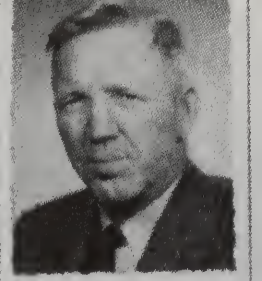
Mike Jim Dana

Dana

Dana Beenie

Mike Dana

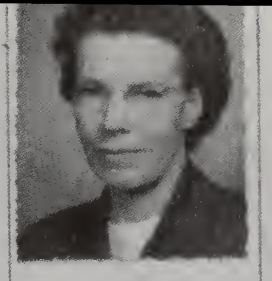
Rawena Wallen



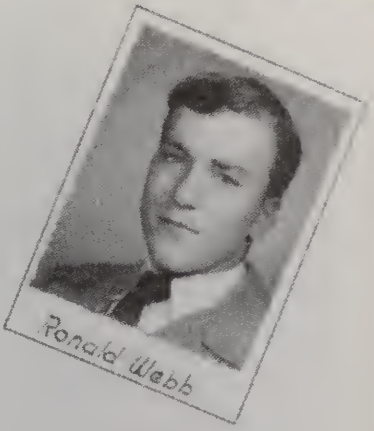
C.H. Keho
SUPERINTENDENT

1951

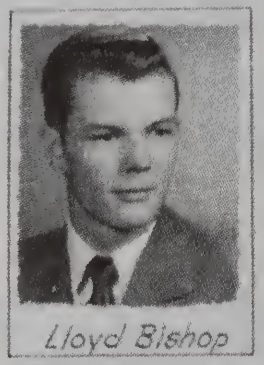
Coin



Mrs Hattie Reed
SPONSOR

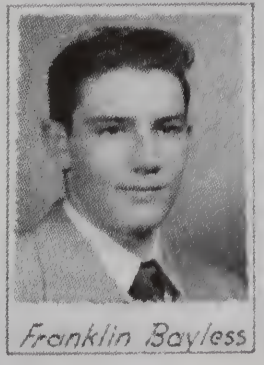


Ronald Webb



Lloyd Bishop

Joan Reece



Franklin Bayless

Jerry Cutter

Dick McDonald

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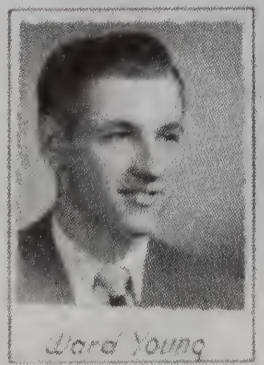
Harold Dinsmore



Ward Young

Shirley Puckett

Jim Yeisley

Leslie Westenberg

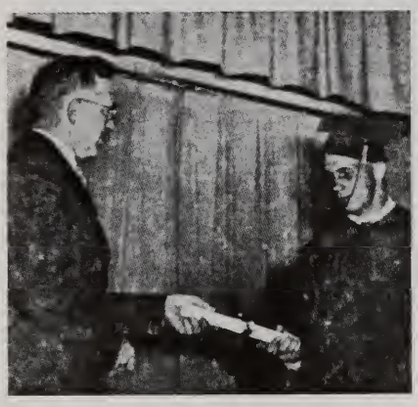
Norbert Martin

Glotis Linquist

Julius Stern - PHOTOGRAPHER
SHENANDOAH, IOWA

Feature Article In **STANDARD TORCH** (Publication
of Standard Oil Company of Indiana July 1951)

A Sheepskin for Jim



After four years of effort, a reward.

Only a parent can really understand how the Walter Yeisleys felt the night they watched their son graduate into a troubled and uncertain world

IN AMERICA, late springtime is diploma time. And every spring hundreds of Standard Oil mothers and fathers sit in gymnasiums, stadiums, auditoriums, and outdoor arenas and proudly watch their cap and gown clad sons and daughters graduate from grade school, high school, and college.

Such a Standard Oil family this year were the Yeisleys of Coin, Iowa.

Coin is a tiny town—a handful of homes, a lonesome water tower, and a one block business district —in the southwest part of the state. Walter Yeisley, a graying, still slender, ex-school superintendent, has been our agent there for the past eight years.

Walt and the Missus have three children, two daughters now married, and a tall, stalwart, athletic son named Jim.

This spring Jim Yeisley and 15 other seniors graduated from Coin High School.

To the Yeisleys, as they sat in the school's bandbox gymnasium waiting for the ceremony to begin, it was hard to believe that time could flit by so fast. Like many other parents in the same situation, they found it hard to convince themselves that the youngster who had been running around in rompers just a few years before was the young man clad in traditional cap and gown waiting to get his diploma and push on to new triumphs.

But while the Yeisleys sighed a bit nostalgically over the chapter that was closing, they kept the emphasis where it should be—on what lay ahead. In America, graduation exercises have an appropriate name — commencement. Commencement—the beginning of something new for which the old has prepared the way.

What lay ahead for Jim and the millions like him? No one was prepared to say. The graduates of 1951 faced an uncertain world —a world of unrest. From their conversation, you knew that Jim and his classmates at Coin were going into it with their eyes open.

But they were also facing it with the optimism and hopes of youth, and with some pretty firm beliefs. The world wasn't perfect, but they knew they lived in as perfect a corner of it as any. They also knew that our hopes for progress lie in the free minds of men —minds working under the sort of freedom their education had equipped them to use and protect.

THE graduation itself didn't take long. Some 61 minutes to be exact. Jim sat on a stage with his 15 fellow classmen. A few hundred kinfolk and guests kept the

SO's George Ring congratulates Jim.

In football, Jim led Coin to state title.

In class play, his role drew laughs.

Yeisleys company on the gym floor.

At 8:11 p.m. everyone stood with bowed heads for invocation by the Reverend Herbert Gould, pastor of Coin Methodist Church.

At 8:13, Leslie Westenberg, who later played a cornet solo, gave the salutatory address.

At 8:18, the Reverend Monk Bryan, a Methodist pastor from Marysville, Missouri, and a vibrant speaker, told the assemblage:

"Success isn't won easily, cheaply, or quickly. You've got to choose a great place to go and keep on going."

At 8:59, following Harold Dinsmore's vocal offering of "The Bells of St. Mary's," Ward Young, class valedictorian, spoke for Jim and everyone in the senior class when he said:

"We pledge ourselves to strive always for the development of a peaceful world in which men can live decently."

At 9:07, came the presentation of diplomas. Jim and the others got a big hand from the crowd as they stepped to the front and received their certificates from Superintendent Clifford H. Keho.

COIN will miss Jim Yeisley when he goes off to college . . . or to the service.

Jim was the town's "Red Grange." A whirling dervish on the gridiron, he was adored by the bobby soxers and the idol of every little boy in school.

Jim's galloping cleats carried Coin to a 1950 state championship in six-man football, and twice won him all-state honors. In a game last fall, he only carried the ball six times, but he scored six touchdowns! All told he tallied 225 points before the season ended.

These Six Helped Shape

His father, Walter Yeisley . . .

His mother . . .

His two sisters, Colleen and Joan (above) . . .

Jim and four of his classmates take their final exam at Coin High.

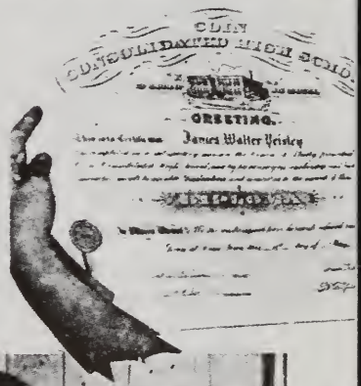
Do it the way Jim does, Coin youngsters tell each other, so Mike Henderson apes Jim's batting stance.

But that wasn't all. As a regular on the basketball quintet, he paced the team to a Little Seven Conference championship. In track he starred in the high jump, hurdles, and dashes, and anchored the 880-yard relay team.

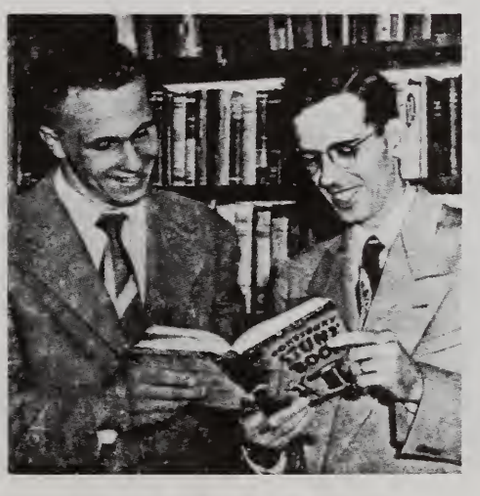
On the social side, he performed creditably in two class plays, sang in the glee club, and twice served as vice president of his class.

Jim hopes to attend the University of Nebraska this fall (his athletic exploits earned him a football scholarship) and study either business or physical education.

Jim's Life . . . .



His teacher, Supt. C. H. Keho . . .



His pastor, Reverend Herbert Gould . . .

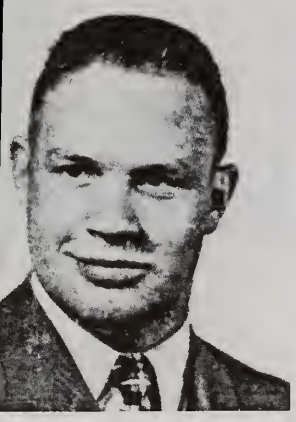
His coach, Dean Roe . . .

Nebraska

JIM OLIVER (50)
Center

RALPH WEDDLE (88)
End

CORNHUSKERS



DIRKES ROLSTON (10)
Halfback

JOHN MACHISIC (61)
Guard

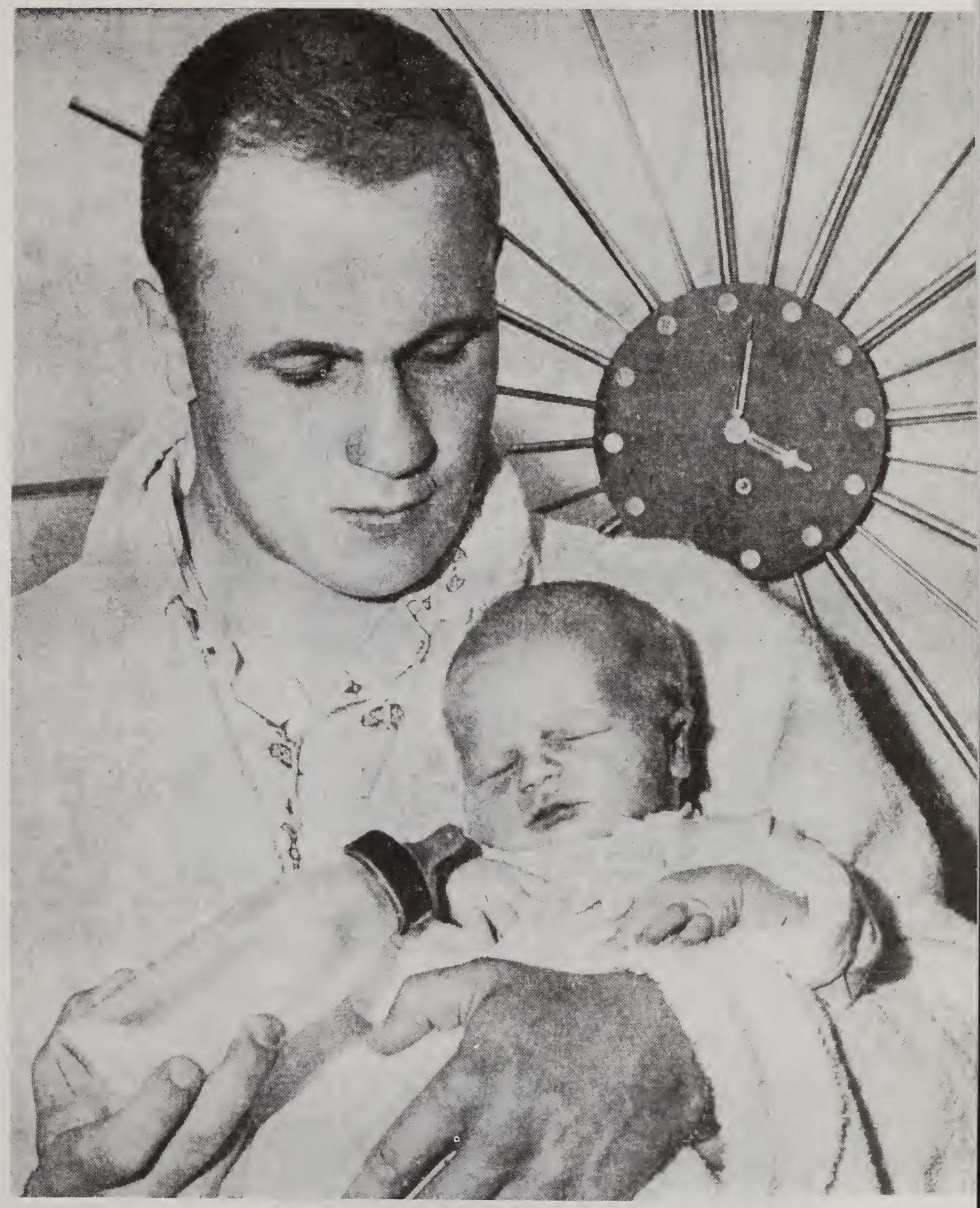
JERRY PAULSON (63)
Guard

DENNIS KORINEK (30)
Halfback

BOB SMITH (41)
Halfback

JIM YEISLEY (33)
Fullback

From: **Illinois** vs **Nebraska** Football Program
Saturday, September 26, 1953



James W. Yeisley, 115 S. Street, may be a salesman during the day, but as far as 14-day-old Mike is concerned, his daddy is just a floor-walker on the night shift. Now that the tyke has gone back to sleep at 4 A.M., Mr. Yeisley can get some rest-until next round at 6 A.M.

Cole Jim Dana Pearl

4 Generations
of Yeisleys

Mike Cole

Walter Jim Cole
Mike

Houston, TX Since 1975

WALTER COLE YEISLEY (1900-1976) - PEARL DAVISON (1903-19--)

Cole

Pearl

Cole, as his parents called him, was born September, 5, 1900 on his father's farm in the rural community of Arkoe in Grant township, Nodaway County, Missouri, He was the eldest child of Walter Yeisley and his wife, Allie Bell Coulter. Cole was named for his father and for the doctor who delivered him. The Yeisley farm was on the east side of the 102 River; Dr. Cole lived on the west side. The night Cole decided to put in an appearance, the 102 was out of bounds and over the highway between the two farms. Regardless of the weather or condition of the roads, Dr. Cole was accustomed to going whenever and wherever he was needed. Unable to reach the Yeisley farm by horse and buggy, Dr. Cole rowed across the wide river and arrived in time to officiate at the birth of Walter and Allie Belle's 1st child.[1]

Cole's elementary education was obtained in a one room rural school located in the tiny village of Arkoe. After graduating from the 8th grade, Cole went to Barnard, less than ten miles away, to attend the Barnard High School which served the surrounding community.

The traditional occupation of Cole's ancestors was that of farming, but Cole did the unexpected, he wanted to become a teacher. As soon as he got his high school diploma, he enrolled at the Missouri State Teachers College in Maryville, the county seat of Nodaway County. This school of higher learning has since been upgraded and is now called Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville. After a student had completed the necessary courses with sufficient semester hours to total 60, he could receive a degree comparable to the present A.A. degree plus a teaching credential good for two years.

In the spring of 1921, Cole obtained a contract to teach in a rural school at Pickering, not far from the Iowa line. Salary was $85 per month for the school term which was eight months. By teaching during the winter months and attending college during the summer sessions, Cole was able to graduate in

[1] Told to the author by a resident of the Arkoe community

the spring of 1925 with a B.S. in Education and a life-time teaching credential.

That year, he obtained a contract to teach Mathematics and Agriculture at Worth High School in Worth County on the Iowa line. Now that his career as an educator was launched, he chose Pearl Davison, his high school sweetheart, to be his life's partner. They were married July 1, 1925 at the home of the Rev. O.H. Loomis in Savannah, county seat of Andrew County, Missouri. The Rev. Loomis preached twice a month at the Salem Christian Church west of Barnard where the Davison family worshipped.

At the time of her marriage, Pearl was twenty-one years old. She was born October 24, 1903 on the farm of her parents, James Lyman Davison and his wife, Mollie Ross. When Pearl was four years old her mother died, leaving the father with three small girls whose ages ranged from one year to seven. James's mother, Isabelle, widow of Henry Davison, lived on her farm just a mile away. She took the little girls into her home and cared for them until the father re-married eight years later.

Pearl attended the Davis rural school in Pumpkin Center area west of Barnard. Her secondary education was obtained in Maryville High School where she and her sister shared a light-housekeeping room. While Cole was completing credits for his life-time teaching credentials, Pearl remained at home, earned what she could by helping neighbor women with their housework and cooking for the threshing crews who moved through the country side during the summer months harvesting the ripe grain.

During his second year of teaching at Worth High School, Cole and Pearl's first child, Colleen, was born on the day after Christmas. In the spring, Cole was offered a position as Principal and teacher of Mathematics and Manual Training at the Laredo High School in nearby Grundy County. Here he remained for the next eight years, the last four of which, he served in the capacity of Superintendent.

Two more children were born to Cole and Pearl in Laredo. Joan was born on August 10, 1930, and James Walter was born December 21, 1932. By the time James had reached the age of eleven, Cole's salary had increased to $1800 for the school year, hardly enough, even in those days, to support a growing family. During the summers, Cole worked at whatever temporary jobs he could find. One of these was a tank salesman for Standard Oil. When the company offered him a full time job, Cole knew that his earnings would be dependent on his ability to produce sales. Without hesitation, he packed up his family and moved to Coin in Page County, Iowa which was just over the Missouri line.

Rental houses in this tiny town were scarce. The one Cole rented was badly in need of repair, but the two extra bedrooms on the top floor of this story and a half house provided enough space for the three children. There was running water in the house, a septic tank in the side yard (no sewer lines available in the town). There was a well near the house equipped with a hand pump that could produce enough water for the lawn and a large garden.

Cole, Pearl and the children worked hard to clean up the place, make the necessary repairs to transform the old house into a livable home. Two years later, on April 5, 1945 Cole purchased the house situated on lots #9, 10, 11, 12 in Block 2, Original plot of Coin. The purchase price was $455.[2] Cole, an excellent carpenter, enclosed spaces for closets, built kitchen cabinets and did most of the remodeling himself. Later, when the village of Coin had grown large enough to support a sewerage system, the use of the septic tank was discontinued. Within a few years, the living room wall was pushed out to the edge of the front porch thus making the living-room into a nice living-dining room. The house then had two bedrooms on the first floor and two on the second.

Each spring, Cole plowed up the back yard, then he and Pearl, with the help of the children, planted all kinds of vegetables. Excess produce was canned for winter use. The soil must have been very productive because Pearl said that she canned many, many quarts of tomato juice, plus 200-300 quarts of peas, beans and corn.

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[2]Page County, Iowa Deed BK. 324 p. 425

All three of the children, Colleen, Joan and Jim graduated from Coin High School. In the fall of 1951, Jim, having earned a 4-year scholarship, became a Freshman at the University of Nebraska. Joan, in 1948, married Lyle Fox, a car mechanic in Coin. Two years later, Colleen married Merton Haynes, a teacher and coach in the Coin High School. In Junè of 1958, Jim married JoAnn "Jody" Jones, a Denver secretary. As of this year (1986), Lyle and Joan live in Coin where Lyle is the owner and operator of his own garage; Merton and Colleen live in East Aurora, New York where Merton is Superintendent of the Iroquois High School System; Jim and Jody live in Houston, Texas. Jim, for the past three years, has been Regional Sales Manager for the Commercial Lighting Division of the Phillips Corporation.

After nearly twenty -four years with Standard Oil, Cole retired in 1965. The idle life was not for him so he took a part time job as custodian of the Coin Methodist Church where he and Pearl were active members.

On September 18, 1976, Cole suffered a heart attack. He was rushed to the Memorial Hospital in Clarinda where he died a short time later. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, just south of Coin. Pearl at eighty-three, lives alone in her home in Coin. Joan lives just a block away and checks regularly on her mother.

OBITUARY

W. C. YEISLEY

W. C. Yeisley, son of Walter and Allie Coulter Yeisley was born at Barnard, Mo. on Sept. 5, 1900. He was one of a family of three children.

His early years were lived in the Barnard and Arkoe communities where he attended and graduated from the community schools. He furthered his education, graduating from Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville and Colorado State University at Greeley, Colo. For a number of years he taught and was superintendent of several schools in Missouri and Iowa. In 1943 the family moved to Coin where he became bulk plant and distribution agent for Standard Oil Company until his retirement in 1965.

He was united in marriage with Pearl Davison on August 1, 1925 at Savannah, Mo. To this union two daughters, Colleen and Joan, and one son, James were born.

Cole, as his family and friends knew him, was an active member of the United Methodist Church.

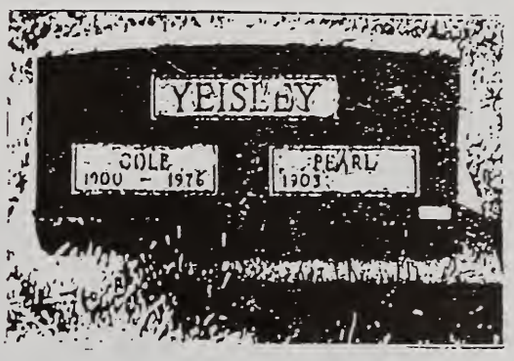
He was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving him are his wife Pearl of Coin, two daughters: Colleen, Mrs. Merton Haynes of East Aurora, N.Y., and Joan, Mrs. Lyle Fox of Coin, and one son James and his wife Jody of Houston, Texas. Also surviving are six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one brother Harry Yeisley of Lubbock, Texas, one sister Mary, Mrs. Maurice Hubbard of Blair, Neb.

Yeisley died September 18, 1976 at the Clarinda Municipal Hospital following a heart attack earlier at his home in Coin. He was 76.

Services were held at the United Methodist Church in Coin on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The Rev. L. P. Fitzpatrick officiated. Mrs. Robert Reece was the organist, and sololst was Mrs. William Smiley. Casket bearers were Hobert Gant, Don I. Irvin, Lester Olsen, Carroll Polsley, Lloyd Polsley and Pierce Tenhulzen. Mrs. Owen Hixson was at the memory register, and Mrs. Don I. Irvin and Mrs. Hollis Miller cared for the flowers.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Coin.



YEISLEY

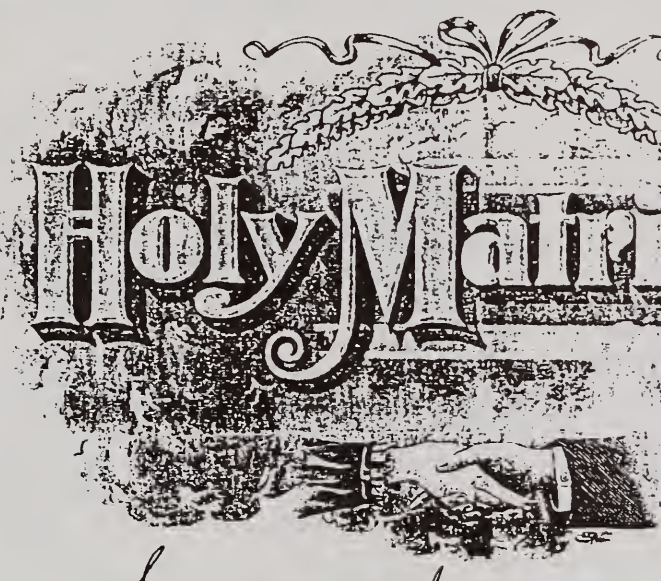
COLE 1900 - 1976 PEARL 1903 -

This Certifies That

Wallie Cale Yisley of
Barnard State of Mo.
and Pearl Dawson of
Barnard State of Mo.

Were United in

Holy Matrimony



At Savannah on the 1st.
day of August A.D. 1925 by authority of
a License bearing date the 1st. day of
August A.D. 1925 and issued by the
Recorder of Deeds of Andrew County, Missouri.

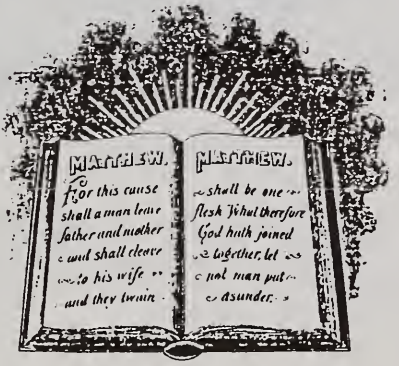
Witness my signature.

O. H. Loomis
Minister Christian Church.

Witnesses.

Helen Dawson.

Edgar Jackson



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Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND Walter Cole Yeisley
Born 5 Sep 1900 near Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
Married 1 Aug 1925 Savannah, Andrew County, Missouri
Died 18 Sep 1976 Coin, Page County, Iowa
Buried Elmwood Cemetery, Coin, Page County, Iowa
Husband's Father Walter Yeisley Mother Allie Belle Coulter
Husband's other wives

WIFE Pearl Davison
Born 14 Oct 1903 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
Living 1991 Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa
Buried
Wife's Father James L. Davison Mother Mollie Ross
Wife's Other Husbands

Church Affiliation: Methodist

Children:

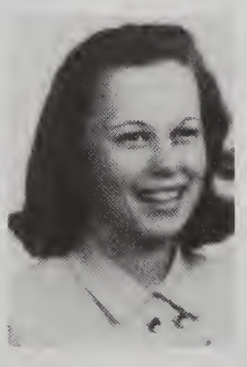
1. Jacquette Colleen Yeisley
   b. 26 Dec 1926 Worth, Worth County, Missouri
   m. 2 Jan 1949 Merton Haynes, son/Floyd Haynes and Mabel Sutherland
   living 1991 East Aurora, Erie County, New York

2. Joyce Joan Yeisley
   b. 10 Aug 1930 Laredo, Grundy County, Missouri
   m. 23 May 1948 Lyle Fox, son/Glen Fox and Eula Stevens
   living Coin, Page County, Iowa

3. James Walter Yeisley
   b. 21 Dec 1932 Laredo, Grundy County, Missouri
   m. 28 Jun 1958 Jo Ann Jones, dau/Clifton Y. Jones and Veda Goodnight
   living 1991 Houston, Harris County, Texas

Colleen

Jim



Joan

Jim Joan Colleen

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1925 August 1 1975

This is only a tiny message,
But it's written just for you
Who found time in your busy life,
To give us a moment or two
We hope that you can feel
As we, light hearted and gay,
And share with us the magic,
Of this enchanting day

Cole and Pearl

50th Wedding Anniversary of Cole and Pearl

Back Row: Rhoda & Alan Fox, Jim, Mike & Jody Yeisley
Middle Row: Cole Yeisley, Mabel, Merton, Mark & Colleen Haynes
Pam & Donald Dennis, Maurice Hubbard
Front Row: Pearl Yeisley, Mary Hubbard, Joan Fox holding Andrew
Dennis, Dana Yeisley, Peter Dennis, Larry Hubbard

Yeisley home, Coin, Iowa 1984

Yeisley home 1950

The Yeisley Home Coin, Page County, Iowa

1945

Book 143, Page 745

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

of

WALTER COLE YEISLEY

of Coin, Iowa, Page County

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I, Walter Cole Yeisley, of Page County, Iowa, being of sound and disposing mind but realizing the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

ITEM ONE

It is my will and I direct that my Executrix, hereinafter named, shall first pay the expenses of my last illness and of my funeral and then any other just and legal debts which I may owe at the time of my death as soon as she can reasonably and conveniently do so after having received funds from my estate with which to pay the same.

ITEM TWO

subject to Item One hereof, I will bequeath and devise all of my property, both real and personal, or anything of any value to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, to my beloved wife, Pearl Yeisley, the same to be hers absolutely.

In event my said beloved wife should not be alive to take and receive hereunder, then it is my will, and I direct, that the property which would have gone to my beloved wife hereunder, had she lived, shall go to my beloved children, share and share alike, the same to be theirs absolutely.

In the event any of my said beloved children should not be alive to take and receive hereunder, at the time of my death, then it is my will and I direct that all property which would have gone to said child or children, shall go the living issue of said child or children. If there is no living issue of said child or children, then said property is to be divided between our surviving children, share and share alike.

ITEM THREE

I hereby name, nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Pearl Yeisley, as Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby giving and granting unto her full power and authority to do each and everything necessary to be done by her as my Executrix to fully settle and administer my estate and to carry out the terms and provisions of this my Last Will and Testament.

It is further my will, and I direct, that my beloved wife, Pearl Yeisley, shall be allowed to serve as my Executrix without being required to give any bond whatsoever to secure the faithful performance of her duties as such Executrix.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name hereunto at Page County, Iowa this 21 day of July, A. D., 1961.

/s/ Walter Cole Yeisley
Testor

on this 21 day of July A. D., 1961, the foregoing instrument was, in our presence, signed and executed by Walter Cole Yeisley, and was by him declared to us to be his Last Will and Testament, and at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, we have subscribed our name as witnesses thereto.

/s/ John Greenwood

/s/ Max C. Turner

Proved: September 24, 1976

REED HOLT — Maryville
"A conscientious track man."
Track '22, M Club.

GLADYS NEW — Maryville
"New means novelty and originality."

COLE YEISLEY — Barnard
"Cole is a quiet sort of a fellow."
Excelsior, Chorus, Dramatics Club.

RUTH HOUCHENS — Maryville
"Plays, as she looks, divinely."
Y. W. C. A., Eurekan, Chorus, Dramatics, Student Assistant in Conservatory of Music.

MERLE SELLCMAN — Maryville
"A nickname lasts forever, Slats."

ANNA HOUSTON — Burlington Junction
"Civilized man cannot live without cooks."
Philomathean, Kappa Omicron Phi, Distaff Editor.

HARRY NELSON — Barnard
"He has a reserved seat by the newspaper rack."
Philomathean President Fall quarter, Student Council '24, M Club.

MRS. ROY SCHRADER — Maryville
"Cooks are not to be taught in their own kitchens."

TEACHER'S CONTRACT

BETWEEN

District No. 179, County of Ray

STATE OF MISSOURI,

AND

Cole Yeisley
Teacher.

Sections 10784, 10785, 10787, 10788, 10803, 10804, 10805, 10856, 10857, 10861, 10935, R. S. 1909; 10939, 10940, 10941, 10942, 10945, Session Acts, 1911; 10846, Session Acts, 1913, should be carefully considered before signing this contract.

Filed June 18, 1921
Edgar H. Ellicott, District Clerk.

TEACHER'S CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, made the 18 day of June, 1921, between Cole Yeisley, a legally qualified public school teacher, of the first part, and the School Board of District No. 179 County of Rodaway State of Missouri, of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said Cole Yeisley agrees to teach the public school of said District for the term of 8 months, commencing on the 5th day of Sept, 1921, for the sum of 85 dollars per month, to be paid monthly, and that for services properly rendered and reports correctly made, according to law, said Board agrees to issue warrants upon the Township Treasurer in favor of the said Cole Yeisley for the amount of wages due under this agreement.

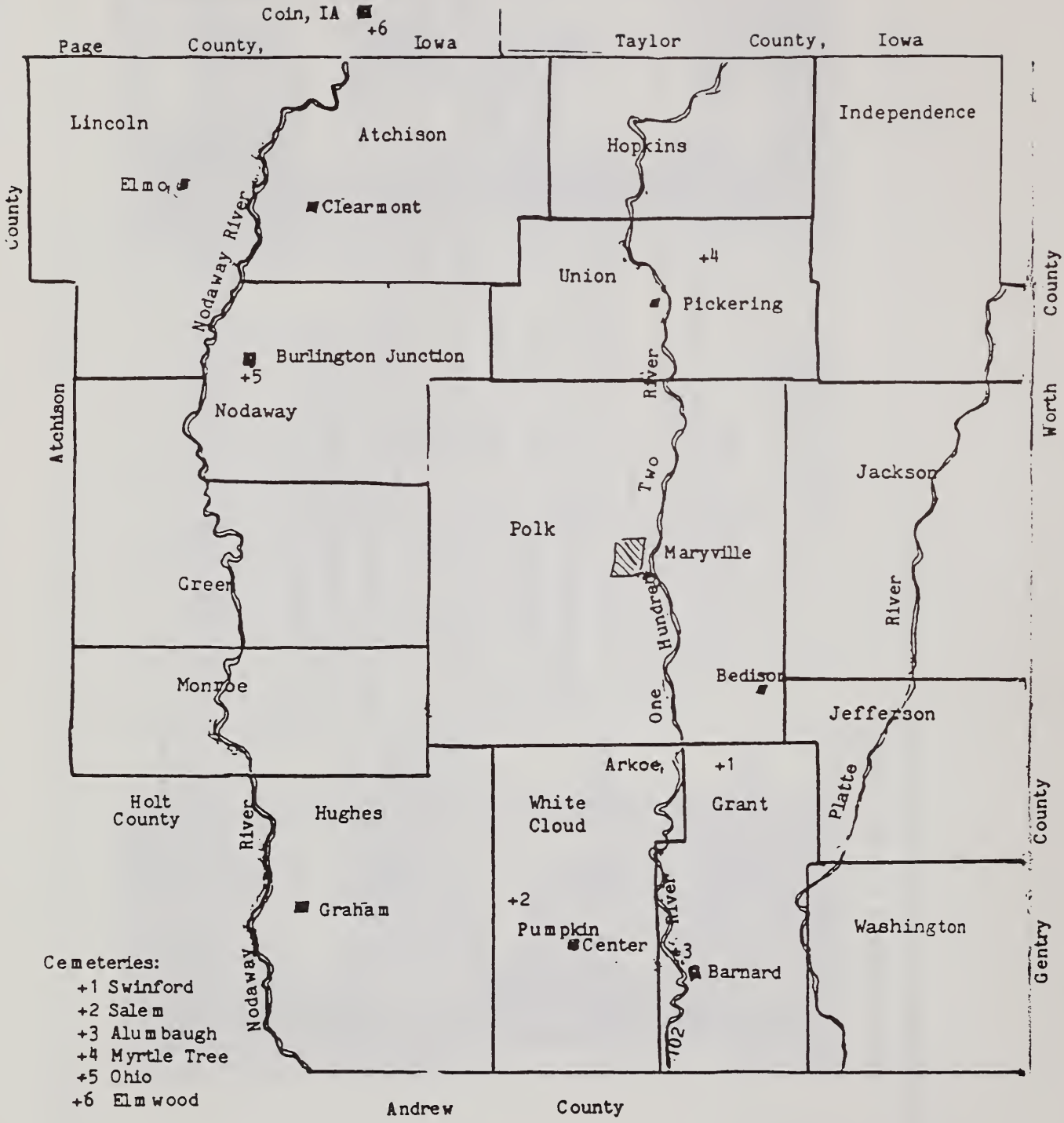
This Contract is subscribed to with a full understanding of Sections 10784, 10785, 10787, 10788, 10803, 10804, 10805, 10856, 10857, 10861, 10935, R. S. 1909, and Sections 10939, 10940, 10941, 10942, 10945, Session Acts, 1911, and Section 10846, Session Acts, 1913.

Done by order of the Board, this 18 day of June, 1921

Peter Hancock, President.

Cole Yeisley, Teacher.

Attest: Edgar H. Ellicott, District Clerk.



NODAWAY COUNTY, MISSOURI TOWNSHIP MAP

JAMES LYNAM DAVISON (1870-1953) - MOLLIE ROSS (1874-1907)

James L. Mollie

James L. Davison, the father of Pearl, was a native of Nodaway County, Missouri. He was born April 5, 1870 on his father's farm in White Cloud township. He was the eldest son of Henry L. Davison and his wife, Isabelle Forrest.

James was twenty years old when his father died in 1890. After Henry's death, Isabelle, with the help of her three sons, James L., William Henry and Fred, continued to operate the farm.

At the age of twenty-eight, James married twenty-four year old Mollie Ross, daughter of Elijah Ross and his second wife, Elizabeth Thomas of Nodaway County. He took his bride to the 130 acre farm he had purchased about a mile down the road from his mother's home on which he had erected a small house. In this house, five children were born to James L. and Mollie: Frances, born August 16, 1900; Ora J., December 5, 1901; Pearl, born October 24, 1903; Helen, born May 5, 1906 and James R., born May 28, 1907. Both Ora M. and James R. died in infancy. Ora M. died September 8, 1903, three months before she would have been three years old; and James R. died August 5, 1907 at the age of two and a half months old. Mollie, the mother, died of consumption (tuberculosis) just two months after the death of her youngest child. All three lie buried in the Salem Church Cemetery, west of their home.

Isabelle, the grandmother, took the three young daughters of James and Mollie, seven year old Frances, four year old Pearl and seventeen months old Helen into her home and cared for them. James continued to work his own farm but stayed at his mother's house at night. Thus, the transition from one house to the other was not too traumatic for the children.

During the eight years following the death of his wife, James worked hard, saved his money and, when he felt financially able, built a new house on his land. During his entire lifetime, he never had a mortgage on his farm. When he re-married, it was to a widow, Mollie Reynolds of Forest City in Holt County. She had three children of her own but they were grown and living in another state. She was a

good mother to James' three girls. Pearl, about twelve years old at the time, remembers her step-mother with affection saying, "She was just like my own mother."

Both the Davison and Ross families were members of the Salem Christian Church near Pumpkin Center (sometimes called Collins' Corner) west of Barnard. A plot of ground just across the side road from the chruch was set aside as a burying ground for its members. Here many of the Davison and Ross families lie buried.

The first daughter of James and Mollie to marry and leave home was Pearl who married Walter Cole Yeisley on August 1, 1925. Four months later, Frances married Austin Spoor, a business man in Maryville. Frances and Austin, now in their 80's, still own and operate their filling station in downtown Maryville. Helen, the youngest daughter, married, on May 5, 1926, Edgar Jackson, a farmer in the White Cloud township near her father's home. Helen died in 1974 and she, too, is buried in the Salem Cemetery.

James and Mollie, his second wife, continued to farm their land as long as they were physically able. Age eventually took its toll and, when James became totally disabled, he entered the Munroe Nursing Home at Stanbury, east of Maryville and spent the last months of his life there. He died Feburary, 21, 1953 at the age of eighty-two years old, ten months and fifteen days. Burial was in the Salem Cemetery beside his first wife, Mollie Ross. Mollie Reynolds Davison survived her husband by eight years. She died at the age of ninety-six. She, too, was buried in the Salem Cemetery beside the husband with whom she had spent nearly forty years.

Services Monday for James Lyman Davison

James Lyman Davison of Barnard, age 82, resident of the Salem community south of Maryville most of his life, died at 5:30 a. m. today at the Munro nursing home in Stanberry where he had been a patient for a month.

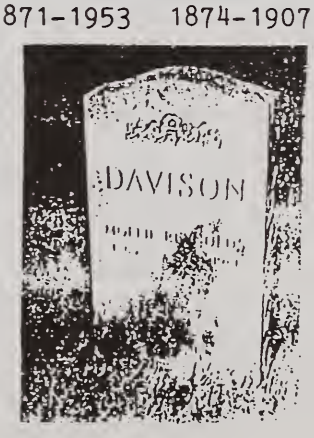
Born April 5, 1870, at Barnard, Mr. Davison, retired farmer, was a member of the Salem Christian church. His first wife died Oct. 6, 1907, and in 1915 he was married to Mollie Reynolds, who survives.

Other survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Austin Spoor, Maryville, Mrs. Cole Yeisley, Coin, Ia., and Mrs. Edgar Jackson, Barnard, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Henry Davison, Maryville, and Fred Davison, Barnard.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. Monday at Salem church and burial will be in the Salem cemetery. The body is at the Price funeral home.

DAVISON

JAMES L. 1871-1953 MOLLIE 1874-1907



DAVISON

MOLLIE REYNOLDS
1864-1963

MRS. MOLLY DAVISON DIES AFTER ILLNESS

Mrs. Molly Reynolds Davison, 96, Barnard, died at 5 a. m. today at a Clearmont nursing home after a long illness. She had been at the nursing home for six days.

Mrs. Davison was born Aug. 24, 1864, at Forest City. Her husband, James L. Davison, died Feb. 21, 1953. She was a member of the Salem Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Alma Fuqua, Seiling, Okla., and Mrs. R. E. Nugent, Lake Wood, Calif.; a son, Frank Reynolds, Atascadero, Calif.; three step-daughters, Mrs. Austin Spoor, Maryville; Mrs. Cole Yeisley, Coin, Ia., and Mrs. Edgar Jackson, Barnard; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Price Funeral Home.

Bk E-171

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Prs., St. Louis.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF NODAWAY. }

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THIS LICENSE authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record, or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel who is a Citizen of the United States,

TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE

Between James L. Davison *of* Barnard *County of* Nodaway *and State of* Mo *who is* over *the age of twenty-one years, and* Mollie Ross *of* Barnard *in the County of* Nodaway *and State of* Mo *who is* over *the age of eighteen years.*

L. S.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Maryville, Mo., this 12th *day of* Sept *189*8

Wm. E. Pierce *Recorder.*

By ____ *Deputy.*

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Nodaway } *ss.*

This is to Certify, That the undersigned Minister of the Gospel did, at the brides home in said County, on the 14th day of Sept A. D. 189 8, unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States, and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize marriage.

John T. Owens. Maryville Mo.

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for Record in my office on the 15th *day of* Sept *A. D. 189*8, *at* 10 *o'clock and* — *minutes* A *M.*

Wm. E. Pierce *Recorder.*

By Hattie Pierce *Deputy.*

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND James Lyman Davison, Farmer
Born 5 Apr 1871 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
Married 12 Sep 1988 Nodaway County Marriage License
Died 21 Feb 1953 Munro Nursing Home, Stanbury, Nodaway County
Buried Salem Cemetery, Barnard, Missouri
Husband's Father Henry L. Davison Mother Isabelle Forest
Husband's other wives 2) c1915 Mrs. Mollie Reynolds

WIFE Mollie Ross
Born 1874 Near Barnard Nodaway County, Missouri
Died 6 Oct 1907 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Salem Cemetery, Barnard, Missouri
Wife's Father Elijah Ross Mother Elizabeth Thomas
Wife's Other Husbands

Church Affiliation: Christian Church, Barnard Politics: Democrat

Children:

1. Frances Leota Davison
   b. 16 Aug 1900 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. Dec 1925 Austin Spoor
   living 1986 Maryville, Nodaway, County, Missouri
   bur.

2. Ora M. Davison
   b. 5 Dec 1901 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   d. 8 Sep 1903 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

3. Pearl Davison
   b. 24 Oct 1903 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 1 Aug 1925 Walter Cole Yeisley, s/Walter Yeisley & Allie B. Coulter
   living 1986 Coin, Page County, Iowa

4. Helen Faye Davison
   b. 5 May 1906 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 5 Mar 1926 Edgar Jackson
   d. 21 Nov 1974 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

5. James R. Davison
   b. 28 May 1907 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   d. 5 Aug 1907 Near Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

Source of Information:
Pearl Davison Yeisley 1984

James L.

Mollie

Helen Frances Pearl

Helen

Pearl

Frances

ELIJAH ROSS (1816-1903) - ELIZABETH THOMAS (1830-1905)

Elijah Ross, the father of Mollie (Ross) Davison, was born sometime during the month of December 1816 in Kentucky. The county has not yet been determined, but it might have been Fleming. The first time his name appeared in the records was when he was included on the Fleming County Tax List for 1838. There were a number of Ross families in the county at that time in the three tax divisions--#1, #2, and #3. Elijah, William, (both William Sr. And William, Jr.), Catesby, and Benjamin were in division 3, in the same part of the county. Six other Ross men were living in the other two tax divisions. The tax lists usually, but not always, indicated the district, amount of land, and waterway on which the land was located and the number of horses of each taxpayer. Oxen were beasts of burden, a necessity for tilling the soil and were not counted as taxable. Some men had neither land nor animals but appeared on the tax rolls as they became of age.

Elijah's parents have not been identified, but a calculated guess would be that they might have been Catesby (sometimes spelled Catsby or Caterbury) Ross and his wife Elizabeth. Caterbury Ross first appeared on the 1813 Fleming County, Kentucky Tax List as having one horse. The 1820 census of that county lists a Catesby Ross in the 25-45 age bracket; three males under ten (Elijah would have been about three years old at the time); one male in the 10-16 age bracket; one female in the 26-45 age bracket; one female in the under 10. If Catesby were, indeed, the father of Elijah, then we can assume that Elijah had three brothers and one sister.

The 1850 Census of Fleming County shows a Catesby Ross, a chair maker, age 69, born in Virginia, with real estate valued at $175; his wife, Elizabeth, age 70, also born in Virginia. On the same page was Benjamin Ross, 36, and Richard Ross, 37, both were farmers in Kentucky. When the 1850 Census was taken in June, Elijah was 35. Could not he, with brothers Benjamin and Richard, have been the three sons under 10 shown with Catesy Ross on the 1820 Census of Fleming County?

Elijah appeared on the Fleming County Tax List for five years, 1838-1843. On July 9, 1844, he obtained a marriage license to marry Effie Hurst, daughter of John and Mary Hurst. He and Effie must have left Fleming County shortly thereafter, but where they lived between that time and 1850 when they were shown on the Census of Buchanan County, Missouri could not be determined. Perhaps they came directly to Missouri.

Five children were born to Elijah and Effie: 1) Mary E. "Lizzie; 2) Lewis, born c1847; 3) John L., born 1847; 4) Amelia (Permilia), born January 27, 1849; 5) Elizabeth A., born 1853. Effie died March 20 1852 at the very young age of thirty-two. Her youngest son, John L. was only five years old at the time. Effie was buried in Black Cemetery, St. Joseph, Missouri. Eight months later, Elijah married Elizabeth Thomas on the first day of November 1852. She was the daughter of Mary Thomas of the Rushville area near St. Joseph.

Elizabeth, born in 1830, Jefferson County, Tennessee, was the daughter of Jacob Thomas and Mary Callahan who were married on August 4, 1824. Jacob died in 1844 in Tennessee and, about 1849, Mary, with her six younger children, migrated to Missouri and settled in the Rushville Area in Buchanan County.

Elizabeth was about twenty-three when she married thirty-eight year old Elijah Ross in Buchanan County, and became step-mother to his five motherless children. Not long after that, Elijah bought land in White Cloud township in Nodaway County, Missouri. The land was west of Barnard and about two miles north of the Pumpkin Center community.

The seven children born to Elijah and Elizabeth were: 1) James A. born October 4, 1854; 2) William F. born July 1856; 3) Sarah Jane "Sallie" born about 1858/59; 4) Martha B. born March 1851; 5) Madison born July 1863; 6) Dora E., born July 1868; 7) Mollie, born 1874. It was Mollie, the youngest child, who later married James L. Davison of the same community.

Both the Ross and Davison families attended the Salem Church and a number of them lie buried in the Salem Cemetery across the road from the church. Elijah and Elizabeth spent the rest of their lives on the farm and died there; Elijah in 1903 at the age of eighty-eight and Elizabeth two years later at the age of seventy-five.

Elijah

ELIJAH ROSS
1815 -- 1903

ELIZABETH ROSS
1830 -- 1905

Salem Church

Source of Information:
Pearl Davison Records
Nodaway County, Missouri Records
Records of Richard Clark, Lincoln, Nebraska 1984

RECORDER OF DEEDS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to certify that Age

Name of Man Elijah Ross White—Colored

Name of Woman Elizabeth Thomas White—Colored

Were married November 1, 1853

Name of Minister ~~xxxxxx~~ William Allison

Recorded in Marriage Book B Page 195

Filed for Record ~~December 5, 1853~~

That no exact age other than over or under the age of ..... years or ..... years is given on marriage record.

Witness my hand and seal this 12 day of July, 197 4.

TOM SLOAN, Recorder of Deeds, Buchanan County

By Lesley Martin
(SEAL) DEPUTY.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ROSS

HUSBAND Elijah Ross
Born Dec 1815 (prob.) Fleming County, Kentucky
Married 9 Jul 1844 Fleming County, Kentucky
Died 1903 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father _____ Mother _____
Husband's other wives 2) Elizabeth Thomas 1 Nov 1853 Buchanan Co., MO (M. Rec.)

WIFE Effie Hurst
Born 3 Sep 1820 Kentucky
Died 20 Mar 1852 Buchanan County, Missouri
Buried Black Cemetery, St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri
Wife's Father John Hurst Mother Mary
Wife's Other Husbands _____

Children:

1. Mary E. "Lizzie" Ross
   b.
   m. 1 Jan 1871 Albert Norris, Buchanan County MO (Marriage License)
   d.
   bur.

2. Lewis Ross
   b. 1847 (3 years old on 1850 Census, Buchanan County, MO
   m.
   d.
   bur.

3. John L. Ross
   b. 1847
   m.
   d. 1867
   bur. Black Cemetery, St. Joseph, Missouri

4. Amelia Frances "Permelia" Ross
   b. 27 Jan 1849 Rushville, Buchanan County, Missouri
   m. 18 Mar 1872 Robert Sutton, Buchanan County, MO (Marriage License)
   d. 11 Jun 1899 Buchanan County, Missouri
   bur. Sugar Creek Cemetery, Buchanan County, Missouri

5. Eliz A. Ross
   b. Feb 1853 Missouri
   m. 1895 Robert S. Pike
   d. (liv.) 1900 Yuma County, Colorado

Sources of Information:
Richard Clark, Lincoln, Nebraska
1850 Census Buchanan County, Missouri

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ROSS

HUSBAND Elijah Ross
Born Dec 1815 (prob.) Fleming County, Kentucky
Married 1 Nov 1853 Buchanan County Marriage Records St. Joseph, MO
Died 1903 Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father Catsby(?) Ross b. Virginia Mother Elizabeth(?) b. Virginia
Husband's other wives 1) Effie Hurst 9 Jul 1844 Fleming Co., Kentucky

WIFE 2) Elizabeth Thomas
Born Feb 1830 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Died 1905 Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Wife's Father Jacob Thomas Mother Mary Callahan
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. James A. Ross
   b. 4 Oct 1854 Missouri
   d. 17 Mar 1884 Nodaway County, Missouri (#125 reg. with Co. Clerk)
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

2. William F. Ross
   b. Mar 1856 Missouri
   m. 24 Nov 1881 Pauline Mann, Nodaway County, Missouri (Marriage Lic.)
   (lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado

3. Sarah Jane "Sallie" Ross
   b. Missouri
   m. 10 Nov 1878 Geo. A. Blackman, Nodaway Co., MO (Marriage Lic.)

4. Martha B. Ross
   b. Mar 1861 Missouri
   m. 5 Oct 1904 John Harvey Crow, Nodaway County, MO (Marriage Lic.)
   d. 1931 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

5. Madison Ross
   b. Jul 1863 Missouri
   m. 5 Feb 1890 Martha A. Burk, Nodaway County, MO (Marriage Lic.)
   d. Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

6. Dora E. Ross
   b. Jul 1868 Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 3 Jul 1887 Albert A. Carr, son of Charles E. Carr and Mary J. Guthrie, Nodaway County, MO (Marriage Lic.)

** 7. Mollie Ross
   b. 1874 Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 14 Sep 1898 James L. Davison, son of Henry Davison and Isabelle Forest, Nodaway County, MO (Marriage Lic.)
   d. 6 Oct 1907 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

JACOB THOMAS (c1805-c1846) - MARY CALLAHAN (c1806-1891)

Jacob Thomas was born about 1805 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He is assumed to be the son of Jacob Thomas and Elizabeth Hanger who, on the 18th of March 1798, were issued a license to marry by the Jefferson County Court. Elizabeth's father, Frederick Hanger, was a pioneer of Jefferson County.

Jefferson County, formed in 1792, from the larger counties of Greene and Hawkins, was part of North Carolina until Tennessee became a state in 1796. Twenty years earlier, North Carolina had reluctantly accepted this area as part of her territory which then put her western boundary at the Mississippi River. Indians, for the most part, natives of this district, were hostile to the whites and resented settlers encroaching on their hunting grounds. This did not prevent one settlement after another. By the time Tennessee became a state, ten counties had been organized.[1]

D.R. Thomas of Colorado Springs, Colorado gave this account of what is believed to have been the early ancestors of our Thomas line:

> *The Thomas family of our origin is believed to have come from Wales in the 1600's and settled in Virginia. Some obviously migrated westward into the Shendandoah Valley then southward into the Cherokee Indian territory, hunting and trading with the Indians. Some were the caliber of early pioneers on the western front known as "Frontiersmen." One such man was Isaac Thomas. Isaac Thomas was born in Virginia about 1735. He died at Sevierville, Tennessee in 1818. He engaged in trading with the Indians and about 1755, located among the Cherokees in the vicinity of Fort Loudon on the Little Tennessee River. He later moved and established his home and business at the confluence of the forks of the Little Pigeon River, now the site of Sevierville, Tennessee. Isaac served as informant, guide, messenger and scout for the early settlers in the area and for General John Sevier prior to and during the American Revolution.*

A history of **Isaac Thomas of Sevierville, Tennessee** compiled by C.B. Winn was published in 1980. On pages 12 and 13, he included a letter written by William H. Thomas that states; "It appears that Isaac Thomas was often a visitor to the home of Jacob Thomas of Paperville, Sullivan County. Paperville was the Rocky Mount home of William Cobb/Kolb/Kulp. The Henry Massengill home and the land of John Thomas on the Watauga where Fort Watauga was built are all near each other. It is the opinion of many that Isaac Thomas, Jacob Thomas and John Thomas were brothers or near kin."

Lucy Womack Baxter[2] listed several men by the name of Thomas. Below are listed a few of these:

Thomas, Isaac *(b 1735 VA/d 10-30-1818 Sevierville, Sevier Co.) Grave DAR Marked. Soldier in Rev. Indian Trader and Scout. m.* ***Elizabeth Massengill Timothy,*** *(dau of Henry Massengill, Sr.) a widow. Ch: Ellis; Issac Jr. b 3-2-1790 m Elizabeth A. Wert; John b 1-25-1794 m Hannah Andes; Henry M. b 10-26-1798 m Sarah R. Porter; Dennis b 6-13-1822 m Elizabeth Daniels; Lucretia b 1784/d 1830 m Robert Wear; Elsie b 4-15--1788 m Jonathan Eppler; Elizabeth m John W. Porter. Ref: DAR #533650;*

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[1]Washington; Sullivan; Greene; Davidson; Hawkins; Sunmer; Jefferson; Knox; Sevier; and Blount.

[2]Lucy Womack Baxter, **Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Tennessee.** 1974. Revised 1978 by Helen Crawford.

Gilmore: The Rear Guard of the Rev., Vol 1, p 80, 108, 125, 126. Land Grant - Rev. Services, Nashville Records; Journal of House of Delegates, VA 1776 regarding losses endured in Cherokee War. Ramsey: Annals of TN; Windsor: Westward Movement, Vol 1, P 93; Appleton's Cyclopedia, Vol 6, p 82, 83

***Thomas, Jacob** (b 1752 Lancaster Co., PA/d 3-26-1824 Sullivan Co.) Lived in PA during the war. Served as Pvt under Noah Abraham, Cumberland Co. Militia 1781-82. m 1777 PA to **Louisa Schultz** b 1758/d 3-11-1822 Sullivan Co. TN/d McMinn Co., TN. Ch: John b 7-25-1778 m Susan Weaver; Jonathan b 7-25-1800/d 1-11-1864 b Sullivan Co., TN/d McMinn Co., TN; m 1823 Jane Carmack b 1800/d 11-24-1883 McMinn Co., TN; William; Polly; Susan; George; Jacob; Isaac b 1791 m 4-21-1828 to Rebecca Barb; Adam b 4-17-1794 m Elizabeth McNew. Ref: DAR # 166977; PA Archives, 5th Series, Vol 6 p 121, 128.*

***Thomas, Jacob** b c1743, Service in VA Line; age 75 in 1818 Pen list of Knox Co., TN; 1834 P.L.W. (d 2-28-1831 according to one source) Ref: A 1.*

A number of records of Knox, Sullivan and Sevier Counties, Tennessee were checked but, so far, the relationship, if any, between the above Thomas men could not be established. The answer to our questions might have been found in the records of Sevier County, Tennessee but these records were destroyed by fire in the 1850's. Sevier County which borders Jefferson County on the south was part of Jefferson until it was formed in 1794. Sullivan County was formed in 1779 from the original County of Washington and was the parent county of Hawkins until its formation in 1792. This north-eastern corner of Tennessee was the home of many Thomas families even before it became the 16th state of the Union.

Our Jacob Thomas was about twenty-one years old when, on August 5, 1824, he was issued a license to marry Mary Callahan (spelled Kallahan on the document). Both were residents of Jefferson County. Mary was born about 1806, the daughter of William Callahan and Rachel Van Hooser. Jacob and Mary became the parents of nine children, all born in Jefferson County: 1) William born 1825; 2) John born 1827; 3) Hugh born 1829; 4) Elizabeth born c1830; 5) James W. born c1832; 6) Rachel born December 14, 1836; 7) Alfred born April 20, 1837; 8) Thomas Larkin born March 10, 1838; 9) Reubin born c1842.

Jacob died about 1844 in Jefferson County leaving a young widow with nine children, all of them under the age of twenty-one. William C., the eldest, married Elizabeth Ann Gaut on February 2, 1848 (date license was issued in Jefferson County). The 1850 U.S. Census of Jefferson County, Tennessee shows him and his young wife living in the household of Benjamin Gaut 58, no wife listed. Another member of the household was 73 year old Elizabeth Thomas, assumed to be the grandmother of William, Elizabeth (Hanger) Thomas.

About 1849, Mary and the six younger children, Elizabeth, James, Rachel, Alfred, Thomas and Reuben moved to Missouri. It is thought that she travelled in the company of several Van Hooser relatives. The 1850 Census of Buchanan County, Missouri shows her and the children living in the household of Isaac Van Hooser, age 50 and his wife, Mary, age 45. Mary Thomas was 44; Elizabeth, 20; James, 18; Rachel, 16; Alfred, 14; Thomas, 11; and Reuben, 8. Isaac was in Missouri by 1844 because a Buchanan County Marriage license was issued October 27, 1844 to Isaac Van Hooser and Mary Ellis. Isaac was the son of Valentine Van Hooser, a younger brother of John, the grandfather of Mary Thomas. They had no children.

Mary Thomas moved to Harrison County, Missouri about 1856, perhaps with her mother, Rachel (Van Hooser) Callahan. A marriage record for David Stites to Mary Thomas 29th of December 1861 was recorded in Book "B" Bethany, Harrison County, Missouri. David Stites was a minister who, with two others, organized the New Hope Baptist Church in Harrison County November 20th, 1855. He died July 5, 1881 at the age of 85 and is buried in the Lone Star Cemetery, Harrison County. Mary Thomas Stites died ten years later, in January 1891.

State of Tennessee, Jefferson County.

To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the cure of souls, or any Justice of the Peace for said County

GREETING.

I, Joseph Hamilton Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Jefferson aforesaid, by virtue of the power in me vested by law, DO LICENCE YOU or EITHER of YOU, to celebrate the rites of matrimony BETWEEN Jacob Thomas and Mary Hallaham by UNITING THEM TOGETHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Given at Office in Dandridge the 14 day of August ANNO DOMINI, 1824 and of American Independence the 48th

Jos Hamilton CR

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE, Jacob Thomas & William Vanhoose are held and firmly bound to WILLIAM CARROLL, ESQ. GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE and his successors in office in the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to be void on condition there be no lawful cause to prevent a marriage from being solemnized in the County of Jefferson BETWEEN Jacob Thomas and Mary Hallaham Witness our hands and seals this 14 day of August ANNO DOMINI, 1824

Attest

J. Hamilton Jr

his
Jacob x Thomas
mark

William Vanhoozer

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname THOMAS

HUSBAND Jacob Thomas
Born c1800 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Married 5 Aug 1824 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Died c1844 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Buried
Husband's Father Jacob Thomas Mother Elizabeth Hanger
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary Callahan
Born 1806 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Died Jan 1891 Harrison County, Missouri
Buried
Wife's Father William Callahan Mother Rachel Van Hoozer
Wife's Other Husbands 2) 29 Dec 1861 David Stites or Stitts, who d. 5 July 1881 bur. Lone Star Baptist Church Cemetery, Harrison, MO.

Children:

1. William Callahan Thomas
   b. Dec 1825 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 2 Feb 1848 Elizabeth Ann Gaut
   To Buchanan Co. MO before 1860
2. John Thomas
   b. 1827 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 9 Jan 1848 Sarah (Sally) Dance
   To Buchanan Co., MO before 1860
3. Hugh Thomas
   b. c1829 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. Catherine prob. in Sevier Co., Tennessee
   They lived in Sevier County

**4. Elizabeth Thomas
   b. c1830 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 1 Nov 1853 Elijah Ross in Buchanan Co., Missouri
   d. 1905 Nodaway County, Missouri bur. Salem Cemetery.

5. James W. Thomas
   b. c1832 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 18 Dec 1856 Dicey Hurst Buchanan Co., MO (left her bef. 1866)
   d. 1908 Buchanan County, Missouri
   bur. Armstrong Cemetry, Buchanan County

6. Rachel Thomas
   b. 14 Dec 1835 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. William George Stanton
   d. 14 Feb 1889 Rushville, Buchanan Conty, Missouri

7. Alfred C. Thomas
   b. 20 Apr 1837 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. Isabella Smith
   d. 13 Apr 1931 Harrison County, Missouri

8. Thomas Larkin Thomas
   b. 10 Mar 1839 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 9 Apr 1863 Nancy Pace Buchanan County, Missouri
   d. 24 Dec 1915 Buchanan County, Missouri
   bur. Sugar Creek Cemetery, Buchanan County

9. Reubin Thomas
   b. Dec 1842 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. Martha A. Ragan
   They lived in Dallas Twp., Harrison County, Missouri

Sources of Information:
Richard Clark, Lincoln, Nebraska
1850 Census Buchanan County, Missouri
Joyce Lindstrom, Lewisville, Idaho

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Stat of Missouri Buchanan

Deare Cousan I take my pen in hand to let you no that I am well at this tim and I hope that these few lines may find you well the rest of the family is well and is well pleased with this Country I want you to Com out here I think that you can do a grate better here than you can there this Rnebraska Perchases has Com in a Cross the river from here if you want a hom you had better Com this fall and tell all of the rest of the friends if they want a hom to Com a head in a bout two months after we Com out here I Cut my foot and it ant well yet and it dont look like it will be weell soon i sein James W Thomas yesterday he is well he is working for 18 dollars per month uncle Isaac Van Hoozer has bin verry Sick but he is getting better I want you to rit as soon as you get this letter So no more at presant

From Plesant Van Hoozer

To William C Thomas

CHARLES CALLAHAN (c1750-c1836) WIFE UNKNOWN

Charles Callahan, a pioneer of Tennessee, became a resident of that state before 1793 bacause, on that date, a North Carolina Land Grant for 100 acres was registered in his name. It was re-recorded in Jefferson County, Tennessee[1] the 20th of June 1796, the same year that Tennessee became a state.

Before 1796, the territory of Tennessee belonged to North Carolina and the land extended west to the Mississippi River. Washington County, formed in 1777 covered the entire state. The Blue Ridge Mountains and others of the Appalachian chain, with some peaks rising to more than a mile above sea level, form a natural barrier to travel between North Carolina and Tennessee. Because of this barrier, more early settlers came into north-eastern Tennessee from Virginia on the north than from North Carolina on the east. As the crow flies, the distance from Dandridge, present county seat of Jefferson County, to the North Carolina line is not more than 50 miles, but the journey by ox-team is long and arduous.

1793, the date of the land grant, probably indicates that settlement was made at least a year before the grant, giving the grantee time to make improvements--clear a piece of land and build a cabin. The grant says that the property was located on Dumplin Creek which is a small stream that runs about fifteen miles down Dumplin Valley between Bays Mountain and the French Broad River, from Jefferson County into Sevier County. On September 24, 1793, Charles purchased 200 acres in the same area.

By the time Tennessee became the 16th state of the Union, Washington County had already been divided into fifteen counties, eight of which were in the northeast corner of the state. Tennessee County, formed in 1788, was discontinued when Tennessee became a state and that area became Montgomery and Robertson Counties. Greene County was formed from part of Washington County in 1783. Jefferson County, before 1792, was part of Greene and Hawkins Counties.

Just where Charles lived before 1793 has not been determined. It may have been Virginia, North Carolina or even Pennsylvania. Many early pioneers came into North Carolina from the north, down the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and into North Carolina. Charles Callahan appeared on the 1800 tax list of Jefferson County as the owner of 300 acres. In 1805 he sold 160 acres. He disappeared from the tax list in 1836 and it is assumed that he died sometime before that.

The name of Charles' wife was not found in the records; neither was a list of their children. William and Thomas Callahan, assumed to be sons of Charles, were found in the Marriage Records of Jefferson County. William married Rachael Van Hooser in 1798 and Thomas married Rachel Daniel in 1801.

The following account of the Callahan Family, written by Betty L. Dagenais of Atchison, Kansas was found in the **Heritage of Buchanan County, Missouri** published by **Missouri River Heritage Association,** 1984. It is here reproduced as written.

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[1]Jefferson County, Tennessee Deed Book A p. 338

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname CALLAHAN

HUSBAND Charles C. Callahan
Born c1750 North Carolina
Married
Died by 1836 Tennessee
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. William Callahan
b. c1771 North Carolina
m. 1798 Rachel VanHoozer Jefferson County, Tennessee
d. 1813-1830 Jefferson County, Tennessee

2. Thomas Callahan
b. North Carolina
m. 20 Jul 1801 Rachel Daniel Jefferson County, Tennessee
d. c1842 Jefferson County, Tennessee

Source of Information:
Civil Records of Jefferson County, Tennessee
D. R. Thomas, Colorado Springs, Colorado

No. 1624

County Greene

Name Callahan, Charles

Acres 100

Grant No. 1345

Issued 22nd Feb. 1795

Warran' No. 1891 Entry No.

Entered Dec. 1789

Book No. 84 Page No. 328

Location On Meremplin Creek

Book A [275]

Charles Calahams Grant Registered

37 June the 20th 1796

State of North Carolina No 1350

to all to whom these presents ~~shall~~ Come greeting

Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our treasury by Charles Callcham have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Charles Callaham a tract of land Containing One hundred acres lying and being in our County of Green on Dumpling Creek Cole hubba-

WILLIAM CALLAHAN (c1771-c1814) - RACHAEL Van HOOSER (1775-1860)

William, son of Charles Callahan, was born about 1771, probably in North Carolina. He was already grown when his father moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee. Charles married (May 28, 1798,) Rachel Van Hooser in Jefferson County. Rachel, Born 1775 in Fincastle County, Virginia, was the eldest daughter of John Van Hooser. The name of her mother is unknown. When the County of Fincastle[1] was discontinued in 1777, the family bacame residents of Montgomery County, Virginia which was one of the counties formed from Fincastle.

When Rachel was twelve, her father moved his family to Greene County, Tennessee. That part of Greene County became, in 1792, Jefferson County, Tennessee. It was here that Rachel met and married William Callahan. They bacame the parents of five children, all born and reared in Jefferson County: 1) John C. born about 1802; 2) Thomas C. born in 1804; 3) Mary Callahan born about 1806; 4) Rebecca born about 1808; 5) William born about 1813.

The date of the death of William Callahan is not known, but he died before the 1830 Census of Jefferson County was taken because Rachel was listed as head of the household, a widow with a seventeen year old son (William) in the household. One male, (John Van Hooser), then over 80 years old was listed as a member of the family. When the 1840 Census was taken, John Van Hooser was listed as head of household. He then was over 90 and one female (Rachel), 65, was living with him.

Although a comparatively young widow, Rachel did not marry again. Her father, John died in September 1850 at the age of 102 in the home of his grandaughter, Rebecca, wife of Hugh Van Hooser. Rachel was also living with them.

For several years, beginning in 1842, members of the Callahan, Thomas and Van Hooser families had been migrating to Buchanan County, Missouri. About 1854 or 1855, Hugh Van Hooser and his two nephews, John and William Thomas, decided to go to Missouri, too. Rachel, then about 80 years old, was willing to make the trip. By that time, her youngest son, William C. was captain of a river boat that went from Nashville, Tennessee to Paducah, Kentucky. It is assumed that most of the trip to Missouri was made by boat. First, down the Tennessee River to the Ohio River, then down the Ohio to the Mississippi, up that river to the mouth of the Missouri, then across the state of Missouri and north to St. Joseph in Buchanan County.

Within a year or two, we find the Hugh Van Hooser and John Thomas families in Harrison County, Missouri. They settled in Dallas township near the town of Martinsburg. Rachel continued to make her home with her son, William C. for the next five years. She died in Harrison County and was buried in the Grace family cemetery in Dallas township. The epitaph on her stone reads, "Rachel Callahan-February 1860 in her 90th year." The death date must have been February 1861 because she is listed on the 1860 Census which was not taken until June of that year. Dates found on tombstones have been in error more than once. Probably because the stone was bought several years after the individual's death and the person giving the information may have given the stone-cutter the wrong date.

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[1]Fincastle County, Virginia was formed in 1772, discontinued in 1777.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname CALLAHAN

HUSBAND William Callahan
Born c1771 North Carolina
Married 28 May 1798 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Died Aft. 1813 Jefferson County, Tennessee
Buried
Husband's Father Charles C. Callahan Mother Unknown
Husband's other wives

WIFE Rachael Van Hoozer
Born 1775 Fincastle County, Virginia
Died Feb 1861 Harrison County, Missouri
Buried Grace Cemetery, Harrison County, Missouri
Wife's Father John Van Hooser Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. John Callahan
   b. c1802 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 4 Mar 1827 Celia Bailey, Jefferson County, Tennessee

2. Thomas Callahan
   b. 1804 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 11 Mar 1830 Rebecca Willock, Jefferson County, Tennessee

** 3. Mary Callahan
   b. c1806 Jefferson County, Tennessee (44 on 1850 Census)
   m. 5 Aug 1824 1) Jacob Thomas Jefferson Co., TN (Marriage Rec. #1823)
   29 Dec 1861 2) Rev. David Stites (Harrison Co., MO (Marriage Lic. Bk. B)
   d. 1 Jan 1891 Harrison County, Missouri
   bur. Harrison County, Missouri

4. Rebecca Callahan
   b. 1808 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 5 Mar 1825 Hugh Van Hooser, Jefferson County, Tennessee
   d. 2 Dec 1888 Harrison County, Missouri
   bur. Grace Cemetery, Harrison County, Missouri

5. William Callahan
   b. c1813 Jefferson County, Tennessee
   m. 9 Jul 1837 Caroline M. Miller, Jefferson County, Tennessee
   d. Buchanan County, Missouri
   bur. Armstrong Cemetery, Buchanan County, Missouri

Source of Information:
Census Records: 1830-1860 Harrison County, Kentucky
1860 Census Records of Harrison and Buchanan Counties, Missouri
Records of D. R. Thomas, Colorado Springs, Colorado

CALLAHAN, WILLIAM
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As early as 1772, and in increasing numbers after the Revolution, Carolinians—most of them of Scotch-Irish ancestry—began challenging the natural barrier of the Blue Ridge Mountains to spread into the northeast corner of Tennessee. One of these adventurers was Charles C. Callahan. He had a North Carolina land grant for 100 acres on Dumplin Creek in Jefferson Co., dated 1793, and the same year purchased an adjacent 200 acres. And that is most of what is known of Charles! He was born about 1750 and, presumably,

Probably this original ambrotype of William Callahan was made when he was about 40 years old, or ca. 1855.

died in Tenn. It is believed that William and Thomas Callahan, who appear on tax records with Charles, were his sons. Thomas married Rachel Daniel, and William married Rachel Van Hoozer.

William Callahan was born ca. 1771, probably in North Carolina, and married Rachel in Jefferson Co., Tenn. in 1798. She was a daughter of John Van Hoozer, was born ca. 1775 in N.C., grew up in Augusta Co., Va., and moved with her family to Tenn. when she was about 15. (Interestingly, Van Hoozer, and there are many spelling variations, is a made-up name! Rachel's immigrant ancestor was Jan Fransse Van Hoesen, a Dutch sea captain and commissioner who arrived in the New York Colony, at Fort Orange, now Albany, in 1639. Several generations later, a N.C. courthouse clerk wrote Van-Hooser for Van Hoesen, thereby creating a new name for a considerable clan of Americans.) William and Rachel became parents of 5 children before his early death: John, b. ca. 1802, m. Celia Bailey; Thomas, b. ca. 1804, m. Rebecca Willock; Mary, b. ca. 1806, m. (1) Jacob Thomas and (2) David Stites; Rebecca, b. ca. 1808, m. her cousin Hugh Van Hoozer; and William (see below). All of these children migrated to Missouri.

Rachel, who was widowed before she was 40, and lived to be about 85, never married again. We do not know who Rachel's mother was, but after the mother's death, John Van Hoozer lived with his daughter. He was born in Lancaster Co., Pa. ca. 1747 and died in 1850 in Jefferson Co., Tenn. at the age of 103. A local newspaper carried a notice of his death, stating he had lived 122 years; this misprint caused quite a stir! John had a twin, Jacob, who lived to be 98 (he died in Wayne Co., Ky.). About 1856, when she was past 80, Rachel moved to Harrison Co., Mo. with her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Hugh Van Hoozer. She died there about 1860.

William, youngest child of Rachel and William Callahan, was born in Jefferson Co. and there married in 1837 Caroline Matilda Miller. About 1842 William and Matilda, in the company of his brother Thomas and sister Mary (by then the widow of Jacob Thomas), and his cousin Isaac Van Hoozer (brother of Hugh, mentioned above), and assorted children (William and Matilda had two, John A. and Sarah Adeline), came to Buchanan County, Mo. Isaac, whose wife was Mary Ellis, owned land in Bloomington Township. Several of Mary Thomas' children lived in Buchanan Co., where there are descendants today. Mary herself went to Harrison Co. where she married a Baptist minister. Thomas and wife were childless, and spent time in both Harrison and Buchanan Counties.

William and Matilda settled on a home place known as Ringo Farm on the banks of the Missouri in Lake Township. They had to learn to co-exist with Indians. William trained his family to stand quietly at attention when Indians entered their log home and, with great curiosity, examined its furnishings and went through the contents of table and bureau drawers. One day, when William was away, and Matilda was baking bread, 3 young braves silently entered her kitchen. That morning the mother had braided the long black hair of small daughter "Addie," tying it with red ribbons. One of the braves kept fingering the beribboned braids, and the nervous Matilda feared when they left they might take the little girl with them. Quickly, she ran to the ovens, removed a loaf

of bread, and broke it into steaming fragrant pieces, placing them in a colorful bowl. In a few seconds, the Indian picked up the bowl, and he and his friends left as noiselessly as they had come. Three years later, Matilda walked out onto her front stoop one beautiful sunny morning, and found the bowl sitting there.

For 17 years the family thrived, happy and enjoying ever-growing prosperity as they acquired land in Bloomington, Wayne, and Rush Townships, though Ringo Farm remained their home. Then, in 1859, death took Matilda, who had given birth to a son 9 days before. She was 41. Three days later, a 14-year-old daughter died. (They are buried in Armstrong Cemetery near Rushville.) Old-timers who were interviewed long ago about the family reported that, overnight, William changed from a "happy Irishman, always playing his harmonica and singing in his clear tenor voice" to a quit, introspective, and often morose man. He married a second wife, Polly Ann Smith, also born in Tenn., who died before 1875. In 1877 he married a Kansas widow, Mrs. Sabra Ann Stillwell Fitzgerald. There was no issue of the later wives. William lost a son, William H., in Civil War service, the young man, who was about 20, had enlisted with his older brother, John A., and died in Arkansas. John's fate is unknown to us. The son, James, who was born just before Matilda died, lived only to be 9 years old.

The family record: William Callahan, 1813/15 to —, m. 1837 Caroline Matilda Miller, 1818-1859. Their children were John A., ca. 1838-; Sarah Adeline, 1839-1916, m. William Preston Seever; William H., ca. 1843-1862; Mary E., 1845-1859; Editha Angeline, ca. 1847-, m. Elisha S. Blakely; Margaret Matilda, ca. 1849-, m. Simpson Stillwell; Chrostopher C. Miller, ca. 1851-1881, m. (1) Azelia Barnes and (2) Mary J. Gabbert; Benjamin Franklin, ca. 1853-1889, m. Rhoda Jane Starmer; Laura L., ca. 1855-, no further information; and James H., 1859-1869. Except for the family of the oldest daughter, and many of her descendants still live in Buchanan Co., little is known of the posterity of William and Caroline Matilda Callahan.

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JAN FRANSSE Van HOESEN (1608-1665) - VOLKJE JURIAENS NOORSTRANT (c1618-16XX)

The emigrant ancestor of Rachel van Hoozer was Jan Fransse Van Hoesen[1] who was born 1608/1609 in Husam[2], a town in the Netherlands which later became a part of Germany. He was a 30 year old sailor in 1639 when he andVolkje Juriaens Noorstrant published their banns (intent to marry) in the Dutch Reformed Nieuwe Kerk at Amsterdam, dated April 30, 1639. They were married in this church on May 15, 1639.[2] The English translation from the Dutch reads, "Appeared as before, Jan Franz from Housom, sailor, age 30 years, living in the Carte Tuijnstrast, having no parents but assisted by his cousin, Anna Jans and Volkje Juriaens d(augher) from Noorstrant, age about 21 years, of the same (street), having no parents but assisted by her acquaintance, Isaac Pietersen."[3] Volkje, born about 1618, was a sister of Annetje Juriaens, wife of Andries Herbertz Constapel who was at Rensselaerswyck (in the new world) from 1640-1662.

Apparently plans to immigrate to the New World had been made at the time as a contract was signed in Amsterdam on March 28, 1639 which said, "Jan Franssen van Hoesen, age about 31 years, previously a sailor in New Netherland in the service of the West India Company, together with six others, signed an agreement with Kiliaen van Renselaer concerning immediate passage to and settlement in the colony of Rensselaerswyck." The would be colonists agreed to remain for four years. Jan Fransee and Volkje probably spent their honeymoon on the ship, **den Harinck** which set sail in May 1639, arriving in New Amsterdam on July 7 of that year.

During the early part of the 17th century, the Dutch established trading houses near the present cities of New York and Albany. In September 1609, Hendrick Hudson, looking for a passage to China, sailed in his ship, **The Half Moon**, up the river that now bears his name. At the time, the Mohawk Indians called the river Cohotatea. Hudson's ship, **The Half Moon,** belonged to the Dutch East India Company.

The merchants of the United Provinces of the Netherlands became interested in the discovery and dispatched five ships in 1614 to the Island of Manhattan to trade with the Indians. They explored the American coast from Massachuse[illegible] to Virginia, named many of the bays, islands and rivers. One skipper named Hendricksen, presented the States General with a map of the area. It is the oldest chart of this area known to exist. A copy of it can be found in O'Callaghan's **History of the New Netherlands**.

An extensive fur trade was established with the Indians by the United New Netherland Company. In 1621, the Dutch signed a treaty with five nations of Indians, a treaty that was never broken as long as the Dutch retained power over the area. The boundaries between New Amsterdam and New England became a souce of conflict between the Dutch and the English during the years beginning in 1652.

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[1]Hoesen/Housom/Husum indicates the area from which he came, a city in Schleswig-Holstein, originally in Holland, now in Germany. Noorstrant was on the Island of Nordstrand, off the coast near Husum.

[2]**The Albany Protocol,** Wilhelm Christoph Berkenmeyers Chronical of Lutheran Affairs in New York Colony, 1731-1750. Translated by Simon Hart Litt. D. Archivist, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Netherlands and Sibrandina Geertruid Hart-Runeman. Edited by John P. Dern and printed at Ann Arbor, Michigan 1971 p. 566.

[3]Ibid.

The first child of Jan Fransse and Volkje was a son, Frans, born in 1640 in New Amsterdam. The family soon moved on to Fort Orange, later re-named Albany where little Frans was christened on September 30, 1640. The Dutch had established a colony on the Hudson River in 1624. They called it Ft. Orange. Two parcels of land in Albany, a house lot and a garden lot were granted to Jans Fransz van Housen by patent on May 14, 1667. Five years earlier, Jans Fransse had purchased a tract of land from the Indians at Claverack which included the present town of Hudson. Patent for this land was granted in 1667 and was transferred to his heirs after his death in 1703.[4]

Nine children were born to Jan and Volkje in New York, 1) Frans, who died before 1665; 2) Juriaen, born 1642; 3) Styntje, Thys Goes (Goys?); 4) Anna; 5) Marie, born 1651; 6) Catherina, born 1653; 7) Johannes, born 1655; 8) Jacob Jans, born 1657; 9) Volckert, born 1658. Jans and Volkje left Ft. Orange before the birth of their eighth child, Jacob who was born in Rensselaerswyck. They were living on their own land in Claverack when the ninth child, Volckert, was born.

In the early years, the Dutch, in order to colonize their newly charted land, induced individuals from Great Britain, Germany and the Scandinavian countries to come to the new world. Large numbers of English came to help settle this area which was adjacent to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. On May 12, 1664, Charles II, King of England, granted his brother, James, Duke of York and Albany, a charter for New Netherland and ships were sent to acquire the territory for the English. In September of that year, New Amsterdam was surrendered to the English and before the end of the month, Ft. Orange surrendered without resistance. Names of cities were changed--New Amsterdam became New York City and Ft. Orange was given the name of Albany.[5]

Jan Franse Van Hussen died in 1703 and Letters of Administration were issued to his eldest living son, Jurrian, on August 2, 1703. Under the law of primogeniture, all of Jan Fransse's property passed to the eldest son. Jurrian was more generous than some and on January 7, 1704, he divided the property with his brothers and sister, Jacob Jans, Johannes and Catherine (Kathrine), wife of Francis Hardick/Herdick.

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[4]Albany County, New York Deeds Bk. VI p. 100
[5]William Barnes, **Early History of Albany** Albany, New York 1864

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname VAN HOESEN

HUSBAND Jan Fransse Van Hoesen
Born 1608/9 Husum, Schleswig-Holstein, the Netherlands (now a part of Germany)
Married 15 May 1639 Dutch Reformed Nieuwe Kirk at Amsterdam
Died 1703 Albany Co., New York
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Volkje Jurianens van Noorstrant
Born c1618 prob. Island of Nordstrand, The Netherlands
Died c1703 Claverack, Albany Co., New York (Columbia Co., after 1786)
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands 2) Gerrit Visbeck, a sea Captain

Children:

1. Frans Van Hoesen
   b. 1640
   bap. 30 Sep 1640 as Fransje in New York Reformed Church
   d. (bef.)1665

2. Jurrian Van Hoesen
   b. 1642 Fort Orange (now Albany, New York
   m. Katherin Halenbeck, dau/Casper Jacobse Halenbeck
   d. 1711 Albany Co., New York

3. Styntje Van Hoesen
   m. Jan Thys Goes

4. Anna Van Hoesen
   m. Luycas Gerritse Wingaert

5. Maria Van Hoesen
   b. 1651 Fort Orange (now Albany, New York
   m. 1665 Hendrik Coenraetse Burgaert of Kinderhook

6. Catherina Van Hoesen
   b. 1653
   m. Francis Heredyk, lived at Claverack
   Hardick

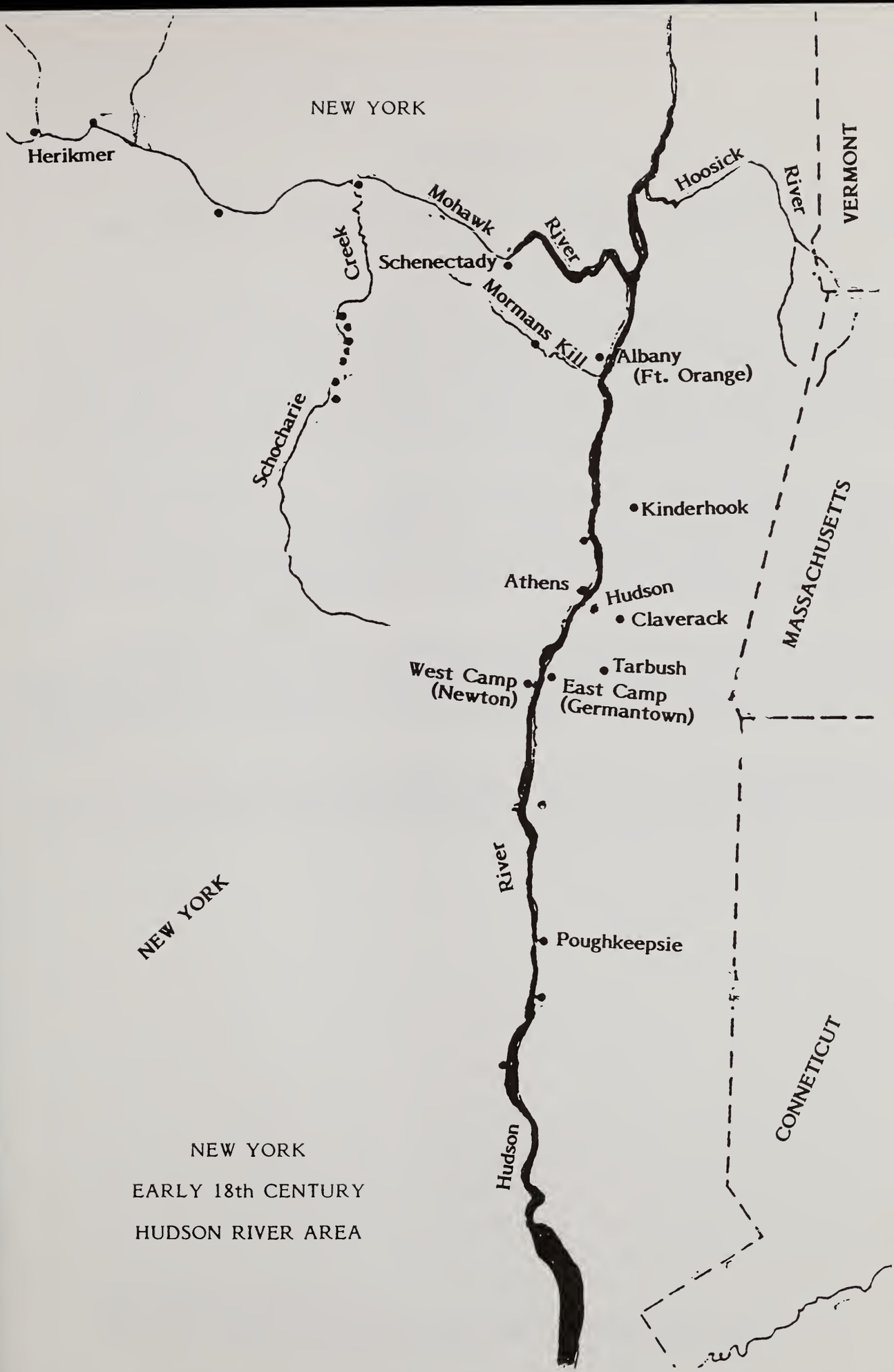
**7. Johannes Van Hoesen
   b. 1655 Ft. Orange, (Now Albany, New York)
   m. 1) Jannitje Janse de Ryck, dau/Jan Cornelius de Ryck
   2) 19 Jun 1709 Willempje (Viele) Schermerhorn Winne

8. Jacob Jans Van Hoesen
   b. 1657 at Renssellaerswyck or Albany, Albany Co., New York
   m. Judith Klauw, dau/Frans Pieterse Klauw

Children of Jan Fransse and Volkje Juriaens

9. Volckert Van Hoesen
   b. 1658 Claverack, Albany Co., New York
   m. Martyje Benson, who m. 2) Harmen Thomas Hun
   d. 1725

Source of Information:
The Albany Protocol, translated by Simon Hart p, 566
J. Robt. Boykin, III Records, NC State Library
Edith van Heusen Becker, van Husen (van Heusen, van Hoesen) Genealogy
printed in NYGB Vol. 51, pp 285-291



NEW YORK

EARLY 18th CENTURY

HUDSON RIVER AREA

Second Generation

JOHANNES VAN HOESEN (1855-17xx) - JANNITE de RYCK (18xx-170x)

Johannes, seventh child of Jan Fransee Van Hoesen and VolkjeJurianes Noorstrant was born in 1655 at Claverack, Albany Colony, New York. About 1686, he married Jannitje Jans de Ryck, daughter of Jan Cornelius de Ryck. Johannes and Jannitje became the parents of eight children, all born at Claverack. The minister of the Lutheran Reformed Church was a traveling minister and preached at several locations as was common in those days. When he was at Kingston, down the Hudson River in Ulster County, Johannes and Jannitje took their children there to be baptized. No reports were turned in for a couple of years, hence no baptismal records can be found for some of the children.[1]

Names of the children were: 1) Jan Hanessee, born 1687, died 1745; 2) Gerrit, born August 27, 1691, died about 1738; 3) Jurian, baptized August 15, 1693 at Kingston; 4) Martyje, baptized October 13, 1695 at Kingston, died young; 5) Johannes, baptized August 1, 1697 at Kingston, died January 1762; 6) Jacob, baptized January 5, 1701 at Loonsburg (now Athens) , died 1788; 7) Frans, baptized June 13, 1703 at Albany; 8) Maria, born (or baptized) January 7, 1705 at Athens.[2] Jannite died before 1709.

The second wife of Johannes was Willempie whose maiden name was Viele. She had been married twice before; once to a man by the name of Schermerhorn and then to a man by the name of Winne. Johannes and Willempie were married January 19, 1709. To them were born two children: 1) Gertije (Charity), baptized February 17, 1710 at Claverack and 2) Nicholas baptized February 1712 at Claverack.

Johannes owned land south of the Hudson-Athens ferryslip as well as in the Kinderhook area. He belonged to the Lutheran Church and served as a Deacon in 1705. He deeded land to two of his sons, Gerrit and Jacob, in 1724. his death date is not known, but it was sometime after 1724.

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[1]The Albany Protocol op. cit.

[2]Records of J. Robert Boykin III in the State Library, Raleigh, North Carolina

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname VAN HOESEN

HUSBAND Johannes Van Hoesen
Born 1655 Ft. Orange, Albany County, New York
Married c1686
Died aft. 1724
Buried
Husband's Father Jan Fransse Van Hoesen Mother Volkje Juriaens van Noorstrant
Husband's other wives 2) Willempje (Viele) Schermerhorn Winne (as her 3rd husband)

WIFE Jannitje Jans deRyck
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Jan Cornelius deRyck Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Jan Hanesse Van Hoesen
   b. 1687 Claverack, Albany County, New York
   m. 18 Mar 1711 Tanneke Wittbeck, dau/Hendrik Wittbeck

2. Gerrit Van Hoesen
   b. Claverack, Albany County, New York
   bap. 27 Sep 1691 Reformed (Lutheran) Church, Kingston, Ulster County, NY
   m. Marytje van Dekar
   d. 1738/39

3. Jurian Van Hoesen
   b. Claverack, Albany County, New York
   bap. 15 Aug 1693 Reformed (Lutheren) Church, Kingston, Ulster County, NY

4. Marytje Van Hoesen
   b. Claverack, Albany County, New York
   bap. 13 Oct 1693 Reformed (Lutheren) Church, Kingston, Ulster County, NY
   d. young

**5. Johannes Van Hoesen

   bap. 1 Aug 1697 Kingston Reformed (Lutheren) Church, Kingston, Ulster County, NY
   m. 11 Apr 1720 1) Christina Laux of Tarbush, Albany County, New York
   2) Janneke
   d. aft. 1762

6. Jacob Van Hoesen
   bap. 5 Jan 1701 Loonenburgh (now Athens) Albany Co., New York
   m. 28 Apr 1725 Geertruyd Albertsen
   d. 1788

7. Frans Van Hoesen
   bap. 13 Jun 1703 at Albany, Albany County, New York

8. Maria Van Hoesen
bap. 7 Jan 1705 at Athens

Source of Information:
Simon Hart, The Albany Protocol
Records of J. Robt. Boykin III in State Library, Raleigh, NC

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname VAN HOUSEN

HUSBAND Johannes Van Hoesen
Born 1655 (10-1665) Ft. Orange, Albany, New York
Married 19 Jun 1709
Died After 1724 (Claverack, Albany (now Columbia), New York
Buried
Husband's Father Jan Fransse van Hoesen Mother Volkje Juriaens Van Noorstrant
Husband's other wives 1) Jannitje (Jane - English) Janse deRyck

WIFE 2) Willempje (Wilhelmina - English) Viele
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands 1) Schermerhoorn; 2) Livinus Winne

Children:

1. Charity - English)
   Gerritje VanHoesen
   bap. 17 Feb 1710 Claverack, Albany County, New York

2. Nickolas Van Hoesen
   bap. 11 Feb 1712 Claverack, Albany County, New York

Third Generation

JOHANNES VAN HOESEN (1697-1762) - ELIZABETH CHRISTINA LAUX

Johannes, the fourth son and fifth child of Johannes Van Hoesen and Jannitje De Ryck, was born at Claverack. Albany County, New York. He was baptized in the Reformed Lutheran Church at Kingston (Ulster County) August 1, 1697. He was married August 11, 1720 to Elizabeth Christina Laux, daughter of Valentine Laux. She was a German girl from the settlement of Tarbush in the area called Livingston Manor. Elizabeth was born in Eppetein Hessna Prussia (Germany). She was an orphan girl, her parents having died during the trip to America.

Eight children were born to Johannes and Elizabeth Christina, four sons and four daughters: 1) Jannetje "Yonkey", born October 1, 1721 at Camp Queensbury, Albany County, New York. 2) John born 1723 at Claverack, Albany County; 3) Valentine "Felty", born January 16, 1726 Claverack (all the rest of the children were born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania) 4) Catherine, born about 1728; (5 Mary, born c1732; 6) Jacob born c1734; 7) Abram born about 1736; and Elizabeth born about 1738.

About 1728, members of the Laux family decided to move to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania where Elizabeth Christina's brother, Abram (Abraham) had gone two years earlier. Johannes and Elizabeth Christina, with their young children, decided to go with them. Johannes chose land which bordered on that of his brother in law, Abraham.[1] This was a predominately German settlement. Six more children were born to Johannes and Elizabeth in Tulpehocken township in Lancaster County. A little later, the family moved to Heidelborg township in the same county.

When Berks County formed in 1752 from parts of Lancaster, Bucks and Chester Counties, the Van Hoesen land fell within the boundaries of Berks County. The following year, the Van Hoesen family, with several other families, left Pennsylvania and moved to North Carolina. When Johannes sold his land in Pennsylvania, he signed his name Johannes Van Housen but, in the deed, the clerk had written, "Johannis, alias John Vanhoose of the township of Heidelberg in the County of Berks in the Province of Pennsylvania, late of the County of Lancaster in Pennsylvania aforesaid." This is a good example of how the spelling of non-English names were changed by the clerks who wrote the documents. Johannes and Elizabeth Christina sold their 200 acres for 455 pounds.

It took more than a year to make the trip overland from Pennsylvania through Maryland, down the broad Shenandoah Valley to Virginia and into North Carolina. In January 1755, Johannes paid John Hall 40 pounds Virginia Currency for 200 Acres of land on the Pee Dee River in Anson County, North Carolina.

Rowan County, North Carolina was formed from Anson County in 1753. Anson, formed in 1749, covered almost half of the western part of the state. Valentine must have settled first in Rowan County because six of his children were thought to have been born there.

A John Van Hoose and a John Van Hooser (Father and son?) were found on the 1763 tax list of Anson County, North Carolina. A John Van Hooser was found on the 1771 and 1772 tax list of Surry County, North Carolina, also on the 1780 to 1782 tax list of Montgomery County, North Carolina.

John's will was dated January 21, 1762 but date of probate not given. Executors of his estate were to be "all my children".

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[1]Berks County, Pennsylvania Deeds Vol. 19, p. 15

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname VAN HOESEN OR VAN HOOSER

HUSBAND Johannes Van Hoesen or John Van Hooser
bap. 1 Aug 1697 Kingston, Ulster County, New York
Married 11 Apr 1720 Claverack, Albany (now Columbia) New York
Died wd 21 Jan 1762 Anson County, North Carolina
Buried
Husband's Father Johannes Van Hoesen Mother Jannitje (Jane) Janse deRyck
Husband's other wives

WIFE Elizabeth Christina Laux
Born Eppstein, Hessna, Prussia (Germany)
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Valentine Laux Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Yonkey
   Jannetje (Jane) Van Hoesen
   b. 1 Oct 1721 Camp Queensbury, Albany County, New York
   bap 3 Dec 1721
   m. 2 May 1743 Peter Feg

2. John Van Hooser
   b. 1723 Claverack, Albany County, New York
   m. 16 Feb 1747 Hannah Cheek

**3. Valentine (Felty) Van Hooser
   Velten Van Hoesen
   b. 16 Jan 1726 Claverack, Albany County, New York
   m. 22 Dec 1746 Maria Barbara Zerwe or Zerbe

4. Catherine Van Hooser
   b. c1728 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
   m. 7 Mar 1749 John Peter Kuhn

5. Christian Van Hooser
   b. c1730 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
   m. 12 Aug 1749 Jacob Groethaus

6. Mary Van Hooser
   b. c1732 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
   m. (Prob.) William Collins

7. Jacob Van Hooser
   b. c1734 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

8. Abram Van Hooser
   b. c1736 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

9. Elizabeth Van Hooser
   b. c1738 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
   m. John Hagler, Wilkes County, North Carolina
   d. after 1820

Source of Information:
Compiled Church Records of New York
Will of John Van Hooser, Anson County, Book 1, p. 13
Deeds of Anson, Rowan & Surray Counties, North Carolina
Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
1763 Tax list of Anson County, North Carolina; 1771-72 tax lists of Surray County, North Carolina; 1780-1782 tax lists of Montgomery County, North Carolina

VALENTINE "FELTY" Van HOOSER (1726-1781) - BARBARA ZERWE (1725-17xx)

Velton/Valentine "Felty" Van Hoesen was the second son and the third child of John Van Hooser and Elizabeth Christina Laux. He was born January 16, 1726 at Claverack, Albany County, New York. Valentine was less than two years old when his family with several German families from the same area moved to Pennsylvania. Here he grew to manhood. He was 22 years old when on December 22, 1746, he married a German girl, Maria Barbara Zerwe/Zerbe. She was born at East Camp, Livingston Manor, New York, Albany County. She was christened November 20, 1725 at the East Camp. Her marriage to Velton/Valentine Van Huss was recorded in Pennsylvania.[1] It appeared thus: VON HUSS, Valentine & Maria Barbara Zerwe, Tulpehocken, Dec, 22 - 1745. Nearly two months later, his brother John's marriage was also recorded: Von Huss, John & Hannah Cheek, Heidelberg, Feb. 16 - 1746.

Maria Barbara "Barby" was the daughter of Johannes/Johan Jacob Zerwe and his wife, Marie Catherina Leik/Leick. Johan Jacob, christened December 4, 1698, in Kettenbach, Nassau-Hessen, Germany was about ten years old when he came with his father, mother and four brothers to America. They settled in New York at East Camp (Germantown) on the Hudson River. Jacob's father, Johannes Martin Zerwe was christened December 17, 1671 in Germany in the same town where Johan Jacob was born and probably in the same church. He married Anna Elizabeth Jungle in Germany.

Valentine "Felty" and Barbara lived in Berks County, Pennsylvania near Strausstown, west of the present town of Reading. Four of their children were born there, 1) Marie Catherine, born April 17, 1747; 2) John, christened May 23, 1748; 3) Marie Barbara, born May 22, 1749; and 4) Jacob, christened March 30, 1751.

About 1753, Valentine decided to move much farther south. 5) the next child, a female, was born c1755 in Rowan County, North Carolina, nothing more is known about her, she may have died in infancy. 6) Abraham, was born about 1756 in Rowan County; 7) another female, born c1758, and 8) Curate, born c1760, may also have died in infancy; 9) Isaac, born between 1762-1764; 10) Elizabeth born c1766 in Rowan County; 11) Valentine, Jr., born c1768 in Rowan County. His surname was recorded as Van Huss in some of the records.

Valentine, Sr. acquired a good deal of property, (a plantation it was called in those days) and several slaves. He was living in Surry County, North Carolina in 1771 when he sold his land and moved to what was then Fincastle County, Virginia. For two years he lived on the north fork of the Clinch River until hostile Indians drove him out. He then moved to that part of Montgomery County, Virgina which later became Grayson County (1792) and, since 1842, Carroll County.

Dissatisfaction with English rule was being felt in the south as well as along the north-eastern seaboard. The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed on the 20th of May 1775 a full year before that famous document was signed in Philadelphia, July 4, 1776. It declared that the inhabitants of North Carolina were no longer subjects of the King of England and would, henceforth, appoint their own men to guide and direct the affairs of their state.

Loyalist sentiment was known to be strong in certain counties of North Carolina and Virginia. Lord Cornwallis and his British Regulars were sent south to quell the riots and end the resistance. On

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[1]Marriage Records of John Casper Stover and Daniel Herts 1731-1799.

December 29, 1778, the British captured the port of Savannah, and swept through Georgia and restored British rule. On his march to Charlotte, North Carolina Lord Cornwallis expected to be joined along the way by many Tories (those loyal to the King of England). Much to his surprise, when he reached Charlotte in October 1780, he was soundly defeated by the Americans. This encounter and defeat led to the designation of Charlotte as the "Hornet's Nest." Within a year, Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorkstown.

Valentine Van Hooser was a known Tory, as was several of his sons. Valentine joined Lord Cornwallis and his army when they were in North Carolina. He was killed during one of the last two battles fought by Cornwallis, either the one in Guilford County, North Carolina or in Virginia at Yorktown when on October 19, 1781, Cornwallis surrendered his forces to General George Washington.

This did not end the conflict between the Tories and the rebels. Those loyal to the King had their property confiscated and sold at public auction, slaves as well as land. Just who purchased Valentine's plantation has not been determined, but there is a record in the Virgina State Papers[2] of several law suits regarding the slaves of Valentine.

1) Virginia--Washington District Court May Term, 1792 "The Jurors for the Commonwealth empannelled for the counties of Wythe, Washington and Russell upon their Oaths present that Elizabeth Pangle spinster, about five feet five, or six inches high of the age of Twenty-five or Twenty-six, or thereabouts, of a fair complection, wife of Fredrick Pangle, late of the parish of-------, and County of Wythe, on the fifteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, with arms at the parish aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the District Court composed of the Counties of Wythe, Washington, and Russell, one negro woman-slave named Amey of the price of One hundred pounds, the property of one John Breckenridge then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, and the said Elizabeth did flee from Justice to the Territory of the United States of America, south-west of the Ohio River, to the great damage of the said John Breckenridge, and against the peace and Dignity of our said Commonwealth. (signed) John Breckenridge"

2) Virginia--Washington District Court, May Term, 1792 "The Jurors for the Commonwealth, empannelled for the Counties of Wythe, Washington and Russell, upon their Oath, present, that Valentine Vanhoozer, farmer, of stature about five foot, nine inches high, of sandy complection. Late of the parish of Washington and County of Washington, on the twenty six day of December, One thousand seven hundred and Ninety-one with force and arms at the parish aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, and within the Jurisdiction of the District Court composed of the counties of Wythe, Washington and Russell, one negro man-slave named Lewis, of the price of one hundred and twenty pounds, the property of one James Thompson, then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, and fled from Justice to the Territory southwest of the Ohio, to the great Damage of the said James Thompson, and against the peace, and dignity of the Commonwealth. (signed) James Thompson, farmer, Washington County, Prosecutor."

3) Also filed in the same Court, same date was this entry: "The Jurors for the Commonwealth embodied for the Counties of Washington, Wythe and Russell upon their Oath present, that Jacob Vanhoozer, farmer, about six feet high. of a sandy complection, late of the parish of Montgomery and County of Washington, on the twenty-sixth day of

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[2]Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts from July 2, 1790 to August 10, 1792 arranged and edited by Wm. P. Palmer, M.D. and Sherwin McRae Vol. V, published at Richmond 1885. This publication can be found in the Virginia State Library at Richmond, the North Carolina State Library at Raleigh and possibly a number of others.

May, one thousand, seven hundred and Ninety, with force and arms at the parrish aforesaid and the County aforesaid, and within the Jurisdiction of the District Court composed of the Counties of Wythe, Washington and Russell, one negro man-slave, named Bob, of the price of one hundred and thirty-four pounds, the property of James Evans then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away and fled from Justice to the Territory of the United States of America, southwest of the Ohio, to the great damage of the said Jessee Evans, and against the peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth. (signed) Jessee Evans. Yoeman of Wythe County, prosecutor.

Apparently, the sons of Valentine, Jacob and Valentine, Jr. and their sister, Elizabeth Pangle were retrieving part of their property that had been confiscated earlier.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname VAN HOOSEN

HUSBAND Valentine ("Felty") Van Hoosen (Velten Van Hoesen)
Born 1725/6 Camp Queensbury, Claverack, Albany County, New York
Married 22 Dec 1746 Tulpehocken, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Died 1781 Yorktown, VA or Guilford Co., NC (killed during battle at
Buried one or other places. He was a Tory, fought for British under Gen. Cornwallis
Husband's Father John Van Hoosen Mother Elizabeth Christian Laux
Husband's other wives

WIFE Maria Barbara ("Barbary") Zerwe
Born 20 Nov 1725 Livingston Manor Camp, E. Albany, New York
Died bef 1771 Surry County, North Carolina
Buried
Wife's Father Johannes Jacob Zerwe Mother Maria Catherina Leik/Leick
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Marie Catherine Van Hooser (bap. record gives surname Van Huss)
   b. 18 May 1747 Tulpehocken Twp., Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania (this part of Lancaster Co. became Berks Co. after 1752)

** 2. John Van Hooser
   b. (chr.) 23 May 1748 Near Strausstown, Heidelberg Twp., Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania
   m. c1781/2 (wife's name unknown)
   d. 1 Sep 1850 New Market, Jefferson County, Tennessee (over 100 years)

3. Marie Barbara Van Hooser (record said Van Huss)
   b. 22 May 1749 Near Strausstown, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania
   m.

4. Jacob Van Hooser
   (chr.) 30 Mar 1751 Near Strausstown, Lancaster (now Berks) County, Pennsylvania
   m. 1) Unknown
   2 Sep 1826 2) Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rinehart)
   3) Mary "Polly" Durham
   d. 25 Aug 1845 Wayne County, Kentucky (age 94)

5. (female) Van Hooser
   b. c1753 Rowan County, North Carolina

6. Abraham Van Hooser
   b. c1756 Rowan County, North Carolina
   m. Mary Williams
   d. 30 Aug 1834 Madison County, Illinois

7. (female) Van Hooser
   b. c1758 Rowan County, North Carolina

Children of Velten "Felty" Van Hooser and Marie Barbara "Barbary" Zerwe

8. Curate Van Hooser
   b. c1760
   d. believed to have died young

9. Isaac Van Hooser
   b. c1762/64 Rowan County, North Carolina
   m. 7 Dec 1787 1) Margaret Hoffman (or Huffman) Montgomery County, VA
   2) Rebecca Thompson
   d. 5 Apr 1831 Warren County, Tennessee (will probate)

10. Elizabeth Van Hooser
   b. c1766 Rowan County, North Carolina
   m. 23 Feb 1787 Frederick Pangle, Shenandoah County, VA
   d. aft. 1850 Jefferson County, Tennessee (84 in 1850 census)

11. Valentine Van Huss, Jr. (used surname Van Huss)
   b. c1768 Rowan County, North Carolina
   m. 1) Catherine Worley
   31 Jan 1799 2) Juliana Tucker (nee, Spraker)
   3) Mrs. Matilda Venable
   d. 8 Jan 1856 Johnson County, Tennessee (will probate)

Source of Information:
Records of Betty L. Dagenais, Atchison, Kansas
Records of Joyce Lindstrom, Lewisville, Idaho
Lyman Chalkley, Scotch Irish Settlement of Augusta Co., Virginia, Vol. II
Deeds of Anson, Rowan and Surry Counties of North Carolina
1850 Census Records
Wills of Jacob, Abraham, and Isaac Van Hooser

Fifth Generation

JOHN Van HOOSER (1747/48-1850) -- WIFE UNKNOWN

John Van Hooser, eldest son and second child of Valentine "Felty" Van Hooser and his wife Barbara Zerwe, was born c1747/48 in Heidelberg township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was christened May 23, 1748 at Zion's Blue Mountain Church in Heidelberg Township.[1]

He was about three of four years old when his family moved to Rowan County, North Carolina. Here he grew to manhood. He must have married about 1771/72 but the record of his marriage was not found, the name of his wife is unknown. She may have lived in Rowan County or possibly Surry County when that county was formed from Rowan in 1770. In 1774 he and his father moved their families to Fincastle County, Virginia where they took up adjoining tracts of land.[2] It was here that his eldest daughter, Rachel, was born. In 1777, John was in Montgomery County, Virginia. This portion of Montgomery County was formed from Augusta 1776/77. Later it became Grayson and finally in 1842, Carroll County.

Seven children for John and his wife are listed. 1) Valentine, born c1773, Surry County, North Carolina; 2) Rachel, born 1775 in Fincastle County, Virginia; 3) Abraham, born c1777, Fincastle County; 4) John, born c1780 Montgomery County, Virginia; 5) Isaac, born c1782, Montgomery County; 6) Jacob, born c1784, Montgomery County; and 7) Delilah, born c1786, Montgomery County.

In 1787, he moved to Greene County, Tennessee. From the records, nothing was found about the activities of John during the Revolutionary War. We know that his father, Valentine "Felty", was a Tory and was killed fighting with the English and that several of his sons were Tories, but what about John? Did he not join either side, but stayed at home and continued to take care of his family and run his farm?

John sold 210 acres on Lick Creek in Greene County, Tennessee on November 1, 1792. When Greene County was divided in 1792, and Jefferson became a County, his land was then located in Jefferson County. He lived near New Market. The 1800 tax list of Jefferson County lists John with 270 acres of land. When the 1830 Census was taken, John was in the 80-90 age bracket, living with his widowed daughter, Rachel Callahan; the 1840 Census shows John Van Hooser in the 90-100 age bracket. The newspaper, **The Southern Advocate**, published in Huntsville, Alabama, dated September 18, 1850 carried this item, "John Vanhoozer died near New Market Tennessee on the 1st, aged 122 years". Actually, he was 102 years old. The 1850 Census of Jefferson County, Tennessee listed John's age as 115 years. Depending on the person giving information or the one recording it, errors can be found on census records, newspaper accounts and even tombstone records.

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[1]That part of Lancaster County became Berks County in 1752

[2]Lyman Chalkley, Chronicals of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Augusta County, Virginia Vol. II, pp. 227, 228.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname VAN HOOSER

HUSBAND John Van Hooser
Born c1748 Heidelberg Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Married c1771
Died 1 Sep 1850 New Market, Jefferson County, Tennessee
Buried
Husband's Father Valentine "Felty" Van Hooser Mother Maria Barbara Zerwe
Husband's other wives

WIFE
Born c1751 North Carolina
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Valentine Van Hooser
   b. c1773 Probably Anson County, North Carolina
   m. Elizabeth (?)
   d. c1836

**2. Rachel Van Hooser
   b. c1775 Fincastle County, Virginia (Montgomery County after 1776/77)
   m. 1798 William Callahan, Jefferson County, Tennessee
   d. Aft. 1860 Harrison County, Missouri
   bur. Harrison County, Missouri

3. Abraham Van Hooser
   b. c1777 Montgomery County, Virginia

4. John Van Hooser
   b. c1779 Montgomery County, Virginia
   m. 16 Oct 1804 Nancy Daniel, Jefferson County, Tennessee

5. Isaac Van Hooser
   b. c1781 Augusta County, Virginia
   m. 22 Nov 1804 Agnes Baker, Jefferson County, Tennessee
   d. Bef. 1850 Probably Lincoln County, Tennessee

6. Jacob Van Hooser
   b. c1783 Augusta County, Virginia
   m. 19 Oct 1807 Margaret McGrennigals, Jefferson County, Tennessee
   d. 26 Sep 1846 Probably Lincoln County, Tennessee

7. Delilah Van Hooser
   b. c1785 Augusta County, Virginia
   m. 5 Feb. 1807 Thomas Balkin, Jefferson County, Tennessee

Source of Information:
Records of Jefferson and Lincoln County, Tennessee
Records of Betty L. Dagenais, Atchinson, Kansas
Records of Joyce Lindstrom, Lewisville, Idaho

WILL OF JOHN VANHOSEN

In the name of God Amen, I John Vanhosen of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina, I do make this my last Will and Testament.

First of all I desire that all my Lawful Debts be paid & I commit my body to the dust & Commend my soul to God.

Item--I give unto my son John four Pound & an equal part of all my Estate after the death of my wife.

Item--I give unto my daughter Yonkey an Equal part of all my Estate after my deceas & my wifes and half of the same to be Equally Divided among my three oldest children.

Item--I give unto my son Valuntine an Equal part of my Estate after my deceas and my wifes.

Item--I give unto my Daughter Catherine an Equal part of my Estate after my Deceas & my wifes.

Item--I give unto my Daughter Christian an Equal part of my Estate after my Decease & my wifes.

Item--I give unto my Daughter May an Equal part of all my estate after my deceas & my wifes.

Item--I give unto my son Jacob one hundred & fifty acres of land whereon I live after my Deceas & my wifes only he is to give Ten Pounds into the Estate & he is to have an Equal part of all my Estate after my Decease & my wifes.

Item--I give unto my son Abram one hundred & fifty acres of land the lower part of the same Tract of land that I live on only he is to give Ten Pounds to my Estate to be Equally Divided & an Equal part of all my Estate after my Deceas & my wifes & if he should never return then The same to be Equally Divided among all my children.

Item--I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth the Tract of land that I bought of John Davis and an Equal part of all my Estate after my Deceas and my wifes only her land is to come down to Halls Branch which is to be the Dividing line betwixt her and my son Jacob and I leave all my children Executors of my Estate and acknowledge This to be my Last Will & Testament January 21, 1762. My Estate thus Divided among my children to them their heirs and assigns forever

Edmund Lilly

his
John X Wattson
mark

his
John X Vanhosen
mark

(Datd) January 21, 1762

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HENRY L. DAVIDSON (1837-1890) - ISABELLE S. FORREST (1822-1925)

Henry Lynam Davison, son of Lynam and his wife, Miranda Childs, was born on February 4, 1837 in Michigan, the same year the state was admitted to the Union. Family records of Velma Davison, granddaughter of Henry and Isabelle, say that Henry was born in Adrian, and perhaps he was, but when the 1850 Census of Lenawee County, Michagan was taken; the family was living in Palmyra, a smaller town east of Adrian, the county seat. Henry, the eldest son, was then thirteen years old.

During the Civil War years, Henry left Michigan and came to Buchanan County, Missouri. For several years, he drove a freight wagon from St. Joseph, Missouri to Pueblo, Colorado. This was a grueling job even for a young robust man in his twenties. When Henry decided to give up the hauling business, marry and settle down, he bought a 40 acre farm west of Barnard in Nodaway County, Missouri and became a tiller of the soil.

It was in St. Joseph that Henry met and, in 1864, married Isabelle Salome Forrest, daughter of James A. Forrest, a merchant there. Her mother was Rachel Munson, daughter of George Munson and Lovicy Forrest. George died in Moultrie County, Illinois in 1852. The date of Isabelle's birth has not been definitely established. Even though her death certificate says born March 11, 1839, the date on her tombstone says 1840. The 1850 Census[1] gives her age as eight which would make 1842 the year of her birth. The 1880 Census[2] lists her age as 38 which also sets her birth year as 1842. Since it was she who gave her age to the census taker in 1880, we will assume that 1842 is the correct year. This was further substantiated when, just recently, the author found in the Marriage Records of Shelby County, Illinois this entry: "James A. Forrest to Rachel Munson October 14, 1841."

Isabelle was born in Illinois. Family records say that James A. Forrest brought his family to Missouri in a covered wagon and that Isabelle's mother died when she was three years old. Date and place of Rachel's death was not given. The children, Isabelle and her younger sister, Angelina, must have been taken back to Illinois to be cared for by their grandparents, Dennis and Elizabeth (McClintock) Forrest. While nothing was found in the records to indicate when Isabelle and Angelina returned to Missouri to live with their father, it is assumed that it was after his marriage to Sarah Rowley in 1852 in Buchanan County.

Eight children were born to Henry and Isabelle on their farm in White Cloud township: 1) Hattie B., born 1867; 2) Cassie M., born 1868; 3) James L., born 1871; 4) Charles D., born 1872 5) Annie B., born 1874; 6) William B., born 1876 7) Fred O., born 1879; 8) Mary H., born 1882. Three of the children, Hattie, William and Charles died in infancy. The 1880 Census of Nodaway County lists Henry Davison, 42, born in Michigan; Belle, 38, born in Illinois; five children, all born in Missouri, Cassie, 11; James, 9; Annie, 5; Henry 3 and Freddie, 9 months.

Henry died during the year, 1890 at the comparatively young age of fifty-three. He was buried in the Salem Cemetery across the road from the Salem Church where the Davison family worshipped.

Isabelle and the children (James then twenty years old) continued to operate the farm. When James married Mollie Ross eight years later, they went to his farm just a mile away. Anna married Charles C. Carr in 1897; William Henry married Nora Sutton in 1903 and Cassie married a man by the name of Moffet. These three families lived in the Maryville area.

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[1]Sangamon County, Illinois. Isabelle and her sister, Angelina were living in the household of their grandfather, Dennis Forrest.

[2]Nodaway County, Missouri.

When James L.'s wife, Mollie, died in 1907, Isabelle took her three little granddaughters, Frances, Pearl and Helen into her home and cared for them until their father re-married eight years later. Even then, Pearl spent periods of time in her grandmother's home to help with the work.

No will was found for Henry in the Nodaway County Records. Isabelle wrote her will on March 5, 1913. When she was no longer able to care for herself, she went to live with her daughter, Anna Carr in Maryville. She died there January 5, 1925. Burial was in the Salem Church Cemetery beside her husband. Her will, entered for probate, named her sons, James and Fred as executors. From receipts found in estate papers of Isabelle we find:

Real estate: 40 acres, more or less, being the south-west one-fourth of the south-west one-fourth Quarter of Section 6, Township 62, Range 35, Nodaway County, Missouri. Appraised value, $3400.00.

Personal Property: Balance in bank, $753.00

Expenses: Price Funeral Home $436
Rev. O.H. Loomis for services at funeral, $10
Lettering on monument in Salem Cemetery: $5
Probate Costs: $21.30
Distributive shares ($50.53) to each of five heirs: James L., Fred, Anna Carr, Lena (Mrs J.B. Vaughn), daughter of Cassie Moffet, Dec'd.

HENRY L.
1837----1890

ISABELL
His Wife
1840----1925

DAVISON

Mrs. Belle Davison
An Old Resident

Mrs. Belle Davison, 84 years old and a resident of Nodaway County before the Civil War, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.C. Carr and Mr. Carr, 6 miles south-east of Maryville, Mo. Mrs. Davison had been in failing health for some time and had been bedfast for the last six months. Funeral services will be held at Salem Church at one o'clock Sunday after-noon. Mrs. Davison is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C.C. Carr, and three sons, J.L. Davison, Henry Davison and Fred Davison, all of Barnard.
---Maryville Tribune
January 9, 1925
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Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Henry Davison, Freight Hauler; Farmer
Born 25 Feb 1837 Michigan, prob. Lenawee County, Michigan
Married 1864 Missouri
Died 5 Feb 1890 Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father Lyman Davison Mother Miranda Childs
Husband's other wives

WIFE Isabelle Forrest
Born 17 Mar 1842 Chatham twp., Sangamon County, Illinois
Died 1925 White Cloud twp. Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Wife's Father James A. Forrest Mother Rachel Munson
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (all born in Nodaway County, Missouri)

1. Hattie B. Davison
   b. 5 Feb 1867
   d.

2. Cassie M. Davison
   b. 10 Nov 1868
   m. _____ Moffit

**3. James Lyman Davison
   b. 5 Apr 1870
   m. 12 Sep 1898 1) Mollie Ross d/Elijah Ross
   1916 2) (Mrs.) Mollie Reynolds
   d. 21 Feb 1953 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

4. Charles D. Davison
   b. 3 Feb 1872

5. Anna B. Davison
   b. 10 Nov 1874
   m. 5 Nov 1893 Chas. C. Carr s/Chas. E. Carr & Mary J. Guthrie
   d. Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Maryville Cemetery, Maryville, Missouri

6. William Henry Davison
   b. 5 Feb 1877
   m. 4 Feb 1903 Aggie Nora Sutton in St. Joseph, Missouri

7. Fredric "Fred" Davison
   b. 16 Aug 1879

8. Mary Helen Davison
   b. 5 Mar 1882

WILL OF ISABELLE DAVISON

I, Isabella Davison, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all former Wills by me made.

First: I hereby direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as may conveniently be.

Second: I give, devise and bequeath, absolutely, to my children, James Davison, Annie Carr, Henry Davison, Fred Davison, and my grand-child, Lena Vaughn, in equal shares, as tenants in common, all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed.

Third: I hereby nominate and appoint my sons, James Davison and Fred Davison, Executors of this, my last Will, and request that they be allowed to qualify and serve without official bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Maryville, Missouri, this the 5th day of March, 1919.

(signed) Isabella Davison

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Isabella Davison to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

WITNESSES. (Jos Jackson Jr.
(
(Fred R Wolfers.

Isabelle

JAMES A. FORREST (1819-1881) - RACHEL MUNSON (c1820-c1846)

James A., son of Dennis Forrest and his wife, Elizabeth McClintock, was born about 1819 in Nicholas County, Kentucky. In the fall of 1835, Dennis and Elizabeth took their family of eight children to Sangamon County, Illinois. They settled south-west of Springfield in what is now Chatham township. When he was twenty-two years old, James A. married his first cousin, Rachel Munson on October 14, 1841 in Shelby County, Illinois.[1] Rachel was the daughter of George Munson and Lovicy Forrest, sister of Dennis Forrest. George took his family to Illinois in 1832, settled in the area that was then Shelby County. Two years later, he purchased two pieces of property in what is now Moultrie County.[2] Moultrie County was formed in 1843 from parts of Shelby and Macon Counties.

The Forrest and Munson (an earlier spelling was Monson) families were friends of long standing. Both were found on the 1820 Census of Harrison County, Kentucky living in the same area. Both families had come to Kentucky from North Carolina before the turn of the century.

Two daughters were born to James A. Forrest and Rachel Munson. Isabelle Salome and Angeline D. The death certificates for Isabelle (Forrest) Davison gives her birth date as March 17, 1839, but this is obviously an error since the marriage date of their parents was in October 1841. Rachel died about 1843/44, probably in Buchanan County, Missouri or during the journey from Illinois to Missouri. No record of her death or burial could be found. The 1850 Census of Sangamon County, Illinois lists Isobel Forrest, age 8 and Angeline Forrest, 7 living in the household of their grandfather, Dennis Forrest. Illinois was given as the birth place for both girls.

A great-granddaughter of James A. wrote, [3]

> *James A. Forrest, the father of Isabelle Davison, came from Illinois with his parents in a covered wagon at an early age--1843. He operated a blacksmith shop on the bank of the Missouri River at St. Joseph, Missouri. He built wagons, stage coaches and prairie schooners. The Mormons were traveling to California from St. Joseph, north-west throughout Holt County. Forrest went with them to the Missouri River. When they arrived there, they waited until the river froze over with ice in order to cross. While waiting there, they camped behind a large bluff and Forrest operated a shop. That caused a settlement. So it was named Forest City, Missouri and the small town is still located there. After the river was frozen, the thirty schooners crossed on the ice and continued on their way to California.*

The trek of the Mormons from Navoo, Illinois on the bank of the Mississippi River began in February 1846. Seven years earlier, the Mormons left New York because of religious persecution and settled on the east bank of the river. Here they built a town and named it Navoo. More and more Mormons joined them until the town was composed of 11,000 persons, the largest town in Illinois at that time. It was here that Joseph Smith, the leader of their church and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by mob action. More threats of violence caused the leaders, now headed by Brigham Young, to abandon their town and move on west, seeking an un-inhabited area where they could live in peace and practice

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[1]Shelby County, Illinois **Marriage Records**
[2]**Moultrie County, Illinois Deeds** December 1834 (located in Sec. 19 T13 R6)
[3]Letter from Marjorie Hardin, Maryville, Missouri, September 5, 1985

heir religion as their hearts dictated. The Exodus began with a small group. Their six wagons, pulled by oxen, could cover about two miles a day. Other small groups followed. Those who had no money to build and outfit wagons, loaded all their worldly possessions into hand carts and pulled them across the plains, over the Rocky Mountains to their final destination in Utah. During the next twenty-two years, 68,000 pioneers, 9,600 wagons and 650 hand carts made the trip from the Mississippi River to Utah. They may have been heading for California or Oregon, but when Brigham Young saw the large Utah valley surrounded by mountains, he said, "This is the right place."[4]

Forest City, from the period of its foundation, until the summer of 1868, when the Missouri River suddenly turned westward and left the town two and half miles inland, was a place of importance as a shipping point. It became the port from which vast amounts of produce were shipped by boat...As many as thirteen steamboats have been tied up at one time at the wharf, awaiting freight...In the summer of 1868, the last boat landed at Forest City and was moored to the rails of the then Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad track, which, on the 10th day of August of that year, had been completed from St. Joseph to that point...The last shipment made from this point was three thousand and seven sacks of corn.[5]

Sarah A. E. Rowley became the second wife of James A. Forrest on February 4, 1852 in St. Joseph, Missouri.[6] The following year, a son was born to James A. and Sarah. They named him, James A. Forrest, Jr. At the 1853 Buchanan County Fair held in St. Joseph the last week in September, a list of the premiums and certificates won by many exhibitors in the various classes was published in **The History of Buchanan County**. James A. Forrest won the $5 premium for having the best 2-horse wagon in the maufacturers division.

George Munson, father of Rachel died in Moultrie County, Illinois in 1852. Entries in The Buchanan County, Missouri Court Records were found regarding the estate:

> It appearing *to the satisfaction of the Court that James A. Forrest is the father and natural guardian of Isabella S. Forrest and Angeline D. Forrest are minors under the age of twenty-one years, and that they are entitled to an estate derived through their mother now deceased. It is therefore ordered that the said James A. Forrest give bond as such natural guardian in the Sum of Five Hundred dollars with two good and sufficient sureties which is shown accordingly and the said Forrest accepts the appointment and is authorized to enter upon the discharge of his duties.*
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> *---Buchanan County, Missouri Court Records, July 5, 1853 (Vol. B p. 84)*

Another entry in the Court Records said:

Inventory of the Estates of Isabell S. and Angeline D. Forest by James A. Forest Guard (guardian) from personal property recd from Estate of George Munson deceased

Received from Sale of land neat(?)	*$75.00*
	$170.65
	$245.65

(signed) James A. Forrest
Guard

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[4]**111 Days to Zion** by Hal Knight and Dr. Stanley Kimball, printed by the Desert Press, Salt Lake City, Utah 1978; Second Edition 1984

[5]**History of Holt County, Missouri** Chapter on Forest Township

[6]**Marriage Records**, Buchanan County, Missouri

A third entry filed June 7, 1858 said:

James A. Forest Guardian
In account with the Estates of A & D Forest Dr

To amount of cash received from		
Illinois for land		*$171.83*
Personal Estate		*80.00*
Whole amount		*$251.83*
By account paid for land	*$250.83*	
Expenses	*$130.49*	
		$381.22
Balance in favor of guardian		*$129.39*

In 1860, James A. homesteaded a tract of land in Nodaway County, Missouri. The original grant for this piece of land was awarded March 8, 1855 to John Fisher for his services in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. Five years later, Fisher assigned this same tract to James A. Forrest. The transfer and the deed was made in the United States Land Office and was given "by authority of the President of the United States, James Buchanan." The land was situated in White Cloud township on the One Hundred Two River, eight miles south-east of Maryville, county seat of Nodaway county. The tract contained 120 acres.

Another great-granddaughter of James A. and Rachel Forrest[7] wrote,

Isabelle was raised on a farm eight miles south-east of Maryville, Missouri. At that time, there was only a trail through the timber leading to Maryville. When a rider on horseback rode through the timber the wolves would follow. If the rider was taking home a package of fresh meat, he would ride fast to keep ahead of the wolves. There were only three houses on the trail at that time.

When Isabelle was a young girl, her mother sent her on an errand a mile from home. On her way home a wolf followed her. So she climbed a tree to wait for the wolf to disappear. Later, she did not see the wolf. She climbed down and continued on her way. Soon the wolf appeared. When she ran, the wolf would trot along, and when she walked, it would walk. She did arrive home safely...

At one time he (James A.) owned two slaves to help in the shop. (a blacksmith shop in St. Joseph) One of the slaves was a good worker. He could shoe any horse regardless how mean the horse may be. The second slave was not agreeable so he sold that slave. Later he sold his shop in St. Joseph and moved to Barnard...He took up a homestead in Nodaway County. He owned a mill to grind corn meal and flour for the community. The mill was run by water power from the 102 River.

On September 1, 1862, he enlisted in the Civil War and served as Captain in service active duty. His wife and two daughters continued living on the farm while he was in service. (Note. Isabelle was about nineteen; Angeline was about eighteen and James A. Jr., was about eight years old.)

Before the first white settlers arrived in 1839, the Indians followed trails across the southern part of Hughes township. Migrating bands of the Sacs, the Foxes, the Sioux, the Pottawatomies, and the Ioways followed two main trails as they traveled back and forth across Nodaway County. When they entered the county from the south, the Indians followed the Paradise Trail. In general, it is believed that Paradise Trail followed a midway path between White Cloud Creek and the 102 River on up into Iowa. There was an early Indian camp or village where Paradise Trail crossed into Hughes Township to ford

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[7]Letter from Lucy Miller, Barnard, Missouri September 5, 1985

Rain Creek and Elkhorn Creek and pass through the Graham area to the Nodaway River, which they followed into Iowa. (From a speech by J.W. Jones, and printed in the Maryville **Daily Forum,** September 13, 1965.)

A great-grandson of Capt. Forrest[8] showed me a tiny Bible only two inches by one and one-half that James A. had carried in his breast pocket during his tour of duty in the Civil War. On the fly-leaf, it said, "The child's Bible with Platd's." It was printed by J.Q. Preble in 1834.

The village of Barnard where James A. lived with his family, was not incorporated as a town until 1870 and city lots were sold. Before the plotting of Barnard, there was a small hamlet--a store and Post Office know as Prarie Park, situated one mile south of Barnard. The business went elsewhere and the Post Office was removed to the town of Barnard. The postmasters who served at this point since the establishment of the Barnard office include these two in their order, as near as can now be determined. Capt. James A. Forrest, Jonas Gavin. One of the first Trustees of the town was J. A. Forrest, Senior.

A tradition in the family states that James A. went to California and "while there, he dreamed of gold being in a large rock. By breaking the rock, he did find gold. He sent the money to his daughter, Isabelle, to buy 40 acres to raise her children as her husband, Henry L. Davidson, had passed away at an early age." As with most family traditions, they are based on fact but, down through the years, they sometimes become distorted. James A. did go to California about 1880 and died there, but that was nine years before the death of Isabelle's husband who died in 1890 at the age of fifty -three. James A. probably went to California during the gold rush days of 1849. He could not be found on the 1850 Census of either Missouri or California. He probably did find gold and gave some of it to his daughter when she and Henry were married in 1867/68.

Angeline, the second daughter of James and Rachel, was married to William McFarlane on February 28, 1867 and a short time later, Isabelle married Henry Davison but the marriage license could not be found in Nodaway County. Perhaps Henry obtained it in another county.

The Forrest family attended the Salem Church not far from their home. In politics, James A. was a Democrat and, at one time, ran for county office but lost the race. The Republicans elected every one of their candidates that year.[9]

Sarah, the second wife of James A., died February 14, 1876 at the age of fifty-six. She was buried in the Alumbaugh (sometimes called Moffet) Cemetery about a half-mile north-west of Barnard. Her stone was found lying flat on the ground in an uncared for Cemetery.[10] At the time of Sarah's death, both Isabelle and Angelina were married and living in homes of their own. James A. Jr. was a partner in his father's mercantile store and blacksmith shop in Barnard.

James A. was married for a third time to Emily J. Reed on June 27, 1876 at the Maryville Hotel.[11] When the Nodaway Valley Lodge #48 I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows) was organized in 1876, James A. was a charter member. He and his wife were also listed as charter members of the Daughters of Rebecca Lodge #24 when it was organized the same year.

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[8]Personal interview with Forrest C. Carr, Arkoe, Missouri

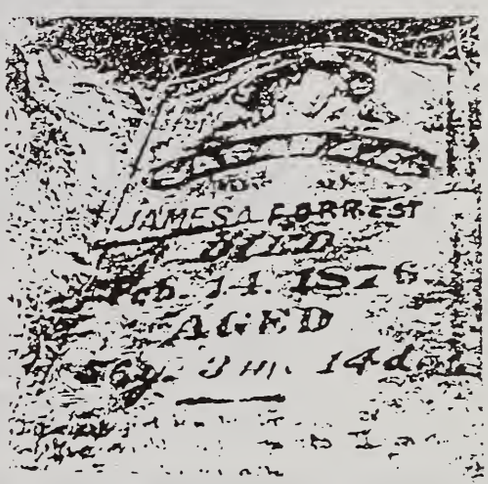
[9]Past and Present of Nodaway County, Missouri Published by B.F. Bowen & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana 1910 p. 256 and 257

[10]Picture of stone taken by Marcia Mutz, Maryville, MO 1984

[11]Nodaway County, MO Marriage Records

James A. and Emily went to California in 1880. He may have been ill at the time since he died before January 1881. Since he left no will, his son, James A. Jr., was appointed Administrator of the estate by the Probate Court. The papers can be found in Box 42, File 16, in the Maryville, Missouri Court House. The file contained thirty pages or more beginning with the sheet dated January 1, 1881 to the final settlement in 1884. Inventory, not including land, amounted to $1,164.40 which included "total amount of notes and accounts and judgements due the said estate." During the month of January 1881, Emily J. Forrest petitioned the Court "to appoint Commissioners to set out a homestead with dower from said premises." At a February term of Court, 1884, "Emily J. Dunlap lately Emily J. Forrest...late widow of James A. Forrest, Sr., Dec'd" petitioned the Court to order a public sale of the land instead of the private sale which the Court had allowed. The administration papers did not identify the county in California where James died and none of his descendants contacted were able to give the exact date of his death or the place of his burial.

Sarah and James A. Forrest



SARAH A. E.
Wife of
James A. Forrest
Died
Feb. 14, 1876
Aged
56y. 3m. 14d.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname FORREST

HUSBAND James A. Forrest, Carpenter; Cabinet Maker; Merchant
Born 1819 Nicholas County, Kentucky
Married 14 Oct 1841 Shelby County, Illinois, Marriage Records
Died 1881 California
Buried
Husband's Father Dennis Forrest Mother Elizabeth McClintock
Husband's other wives 2) 4 Feb 1852 Sarah Rowley in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co.,MO
3) 22 Jun 1876 Emily J. Reed in Maryville, MO Marriage Records 4-323

WIFE Rachel Munson
Born c1820
Died c. 1845/46 Missouri (?)
Buried
Wife's Father George Munson Mother Lovicy Forrest
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. Isabelle Salome Forrest
b. 17 Mar 1842/43 (?) (age given as 8 on 1850 Census Sangamon Co.,IL)
m. 1874 Henry Davison
d. 9 Jan 1925 Polk County, Missouri
bur. Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

2. Angeline D. Forrest
b. c. 1843/44
m. William McFarlane

One son by wife 2) Sarah Rowley
1. James A. Forrest, Jr.
b. 1853
d. c. 1883 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri

Sarah Rowley died June 22, 1876, Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
She was buried in the Alumbaugh Cemetery (sometimes called Moffit Cemetery)

Sources of Information:
Marriage Records, Shelby County, Illinois
1850 Census Sangamon County, Illinois for Dennis Forrest
Alumbaugh Tombstone Inscription
Probate Papers for James A. Forrest, Nodaway County, Missouri
James A. Forrest, Jr., Administrator February 1882

James A. Forest

James A. Forest came with his family from Chaturn, Illinois, around 1840. They came by covered wagon and settled on the Missouri River near Forest City.

In 1843, he moved his family to St. Joseph where he and a partner operated a general repair shop.

Later they moved to Nodaway county where they settled on the White Cloud River, northwest of Barnard. In the eighteen-seventies he and his son, James Forest Jr., operated a blacksmith and general store in Barnard.

His daughter, Isabelle, married Henry L. Davison. He had 4 grandchildren, born and reared in Nodaway county. They were Mrs. Clete Carr and Henry Davison of near Maryville and James and Fred Davison of near Barnard. They are all now deceased. Mrs. Edgar Jackson, a great-grandaughter, resides near Barnard.

From: **Centennial History of Barnard, Missouri 1870–1970**
Maryville, Missouri Public Library

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James A. Forrest

1 Sgt., { Capt. Davis' Co. (B), Nodaway Co. Reg't, Missouri H. G.

Appears on record of the allowances made by the

Hawkins Taylor Commission,

Appointed under Joint Resolutions of Congress of July 12, 1862, and February 16, 1863.

Organization and duration of service:

When Sept. 1, 1861.

Where Nodaway

Date of discharge Dec. 2, 1861

Period allowed for ..... months 20 days.

Total amount due and to be paid, $ 66/100

Paid July 23, 1864, by .....

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

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Nodaway, County Regt.

Mo. Home Guards Vols. Co. "B"

Forrest, James A.

Rank 1st Sergt. Age .....

Captain Davis Com'd'g.

Enlisted Sept. 1, 1861.

Where Nodaway, Co. Mo.

Mustered in Sept. 1, 1861.

Where Nodaway, Co. Mo.

Remarks Relieved from duty Oct. 2, 1861, by Col. Bickett.

Mustered out .....

Where .....

Form No. 241e, A. G. O., 1-23-13—5 M.

Civil War Records

JAMES A. FORREST

Kimball's Six Months Mil. Reg't ~~E.M.M.~~, Co. "E"

Forrest, James A.

Rank 1st Sergeant Age 43

Comd'g Capt. Davis

Enrolled October 3d, 186 1

Where St. Joseph, Mo.

Ordered into active service Oct. 3, 186 1

Where St. Joseph, Mo.

Relieved from duty April 2, 186 2

Ordered into active service 186

Where

Relieved from duty 186

No. days actual service

Remarks:

Form 244—11-22-09—20M.

36th Regiment Enrolled Mo. Militia.

Forrest, James A.

~~Private~~. Capt. Forrest, Co. K.
Captain.

Enrolled and organized July 29, 1862.
Where, St. Joseph, Mo.

Ordered into active service Aug. 1st, 1862.
Where St. Joseph, , Mo.
By whom, Gen. Loan.

Relieved from duty April 2nd, 1863.
By whom, Gen. Hall.

Ordered into active service , 186
Where , Mo.
By whom

Relieved from duty , 186
By whom

Ordered into active service , 186
Where , Mo.
By whom

Relieved from duty , 186
By whom

Remarks:

Civil War Records James A. Forrest

State of Missouri Militia

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From the Ledger of **JAMES A. FORREST** who owned and operated a general store in Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri

1873

Oct	24	David Ajisley		
	"	To 15 oz Bayarne	1 12	
(110)	"	To Tee 80 Coffe 50	1 30	
	"	By Cash		1 00
	24	A L Gilbert		
	"	To 6 lb Beans 20 1 Bot Sas aforeb 100	1 20	
	"	" 1 Pt Whiskey 50 1 yd Delaine 25	75	
	24	W H Pope Coffe 50 Sugar 50	1 00	
(7)	"	To 1 Doz Screws 10 1 Comb 20	30	
	"	By 32 Bushel & 10 lb oats 20 c		6 45
(112)	24	J W Heath To 5 lb Nales finish	50	
	24	W H Felten To 1 Par Gloves	2 25	
	24	Tomas Maffet		
	"	To Quinine	25	
	24	Frances Coulen by Cane		
	"	To 2 lbs Nales 7½ c	15	
	"	" 4 " " 7½	30	
	24	Vol Silvers Coffe	1 00	
	"	To Broom 30 1 Box Logwood 10	40	
	"	" Box Shew Blacking 10	10	
	"	" 1 Sive 45 Tobacco 20	65	
	24	To Cash paid	3 85	
	"	By 1 Lode Corne		5 90

Paid

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1873

Oct	29	Nule Wilson			
(44)	"	To ½ G K oil 20 1 Lamp chimly 15	35		
(13)	29	Jones Thompson ½ oz vile 100	05		
(11)	29	Paid John Snap ¼ lb Tea	40		
(40)	29	Charley Myers			
	"	To 1 Scoop Shovel	1 35		
(113)	29	Alford Baker By Bob Stoutacker			
	"	To 3 Bards 24 feet	56		
	29	Koch Chew & Co			
(5)	"	By Cash Check (parts)	60 00		
(11)	30	Sam Moffett			
	"	To Cash Paid on lad wheet	4 00		
(114)	30	James Landers by Boy			
	"	To 1 Par Mits	60		
(70)	30	Mrs Montgumry			
	"	To ½ G K oil 20 1 oz Lolela 20	40		
	30	David Yeisley			
	"	By 10¾ Bushel Patatos at 67¢		7 12	
(110)	"	To 6 yd Jaues 100 per	6 00		
	"	" 4 " Domestic 12½	50		
	"	" 1 Spool	10		

Original ledger in possiession of Colleen Yeisley Haynes

HERRON HOMEMAKING

Mrs. Edgar Ditamore was hostess to members of the Herron Homemaking Circle, Maryville, when each person displayed a button and told something about it.

Mrs. James Manley, president, appointed Lois Masters and Rosella Trimble to the courtesy committee and Vesta Vulgamott, reporter. A thank-you card was read from the Ditamores for their 45th anniversary gift from the club.

Marjorie Hardin displayed a trunk that had been hand carved by her great-grandfather, Capt. James Forrest, for his daughter's trousseau. After the Civil War, in which he served, Captain Forrest was traveling West and when he came to the Missouri River, that was frozen over and could not be crossed, he decided to remain and a town was established and named after him — Forest City, where he operated a woodcraft and carriage factory.

Mrs. Hardin had restored Captain Forrest's trunk and uses it for her interesting and extensive button collection. She displayed her mounted buttons and told the kinds they were and the history involving many of them. One interesting mounting was a family tree, starting with two large buttons as parents, with each of their 11 children contributing buttons for 11 large branches. Mrs. Hardin was one of the 11 children.

She conducted a guessing game as to the number of buttons on the family tree. Dorothy Myers was winner.

Mrs. Manley received the valentine prize and Mrs. Myers won a special prize. Mrs. Trimble became a member. Other guests were Mrs. Joe Growney, Elva Birkenholz, Mrs. Elmer Luther and Edith Kaufman.

A meeting is planned for Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center and will be for members and husbands.

---Maryville, Missouri
c. 1984

INTRODUCTION

BARONETAGE.

MONSON.

The English Monsons belong to the peerage and have a recognized history extending through five centuries. According to Burke,[1] "John Monson was living in 1378 (temp. Richard II, Chaucer and Wycliffe) and denominated of East or Market-Rassen co. Lincoln; from him lineally sprang William Monson, Esq. who died in 1558, the year in which Queen Elizabeth came to the throne." Burke also gave this account: "Sir Thomas Monson, 1st Bt., Kt., of Carleton, Master of the Armoury and Master Falconer to James II, M.P. for co. Lincoln 1597-8, for Castle Rising 1604-11, and for Gricklade 1614 and was created a Baronet 29 June 1611. Sir Thomas m. July, 1590 Margaret (bur. 3 August 1630), dau. of Sir Edmund Anderson, Chief Justice of Common Pleas..."

Myron A. Munson,[2] in his book, presented the posterity of William in the line of high titles. These members of the Monson family lived in South Carleton in the County of Lincolnshire, England. All were well educated; many attended Oxford, were knighted and some became Baronets.[3]

While no documentation was given to prove that Thomas, the first of the name in America, was of this family, Myron Munson said, "We have outlined the sucessive generations of this illustrative English family because of the rational presumption that our pioneer ancestor, Capt. Thomas, sprang from it. His generation would have been that of the second baronet, the son of Sir Thomas." This account of Sir Thomas, (1564-1641) fourth generation from William Monson, Esq., was given, "He was at Oxford, but left without a degree. He was created M.A. 30 Aug. 1605, when he accompanied James I on a visit to Oxford. He was knighted the year of the Armada (1599). He became a favorite of James I, who made him his Master Falconer early in his reign, and such a falconer,' says Weldon, 'as no prince in Christendom ever had.'" In June 1611, he was created First Baronet. A thorough search of English Parish Records in the County of Lincolnshire might produce the batismal record of our Thomas Monson/Munson.

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[1]**Burke's** Genealogical and Historical History of the **Peerage, Baronetage & Knightage.** Founded in 1826 by John Burke and Sir Bernard Burke, C.B. One Hundred and First Edition. Published by Burke's Peerage Limited of London.

[2]Myron A. Munson, **The Munson Record** A Genealogical and Biographical Record of **Captain Thomas Munson**, a Planter of Hartford and New Haven and his Descendants 1895.

[3]The Baronet honor was hereditary, while that of knight was personal. Both Baronets and Knights were entitled, Sir. The Baronets ranked next below the peers.

THOMAS MUNSON (1612-1685) - JOANNA (16xx-1678)

Thomas Munson, the emigrant ancestor of our Munson line, was born about 1612 in England. While the ship on which he came or the date of his arrival in this country could not be determined, he was one of the 4,000 religious non-conformists who came to New England before the year 1640, following the lead of prominent ministers in England which included the Rev. Cotton, Rev. Hooker and Rev. Davenport. These ministers had gathered about them men of all ranks from the Peerage down to the common man who had incurred disfavor with the established Church and who desired to worship God as their consciences dictated. Rev. Cotton and Rev. Hooker came on the same ship in 1633.

The Rev. Hooker, founder of the Colony of Hartford, Connecticut in 1633, was accompanied by about fifty persons on his ship, one of whom may have been Thomas Munson. The Captains of most of the ships did not list the names of the passengers but many can be found in the journals kept by the ministers who came to America.

English settlements in Connecticut began in 1633 when the village of Windsor was established on the Connecticut River. Two years later (1635), the town of Hartford was established in what was called the Connecticut Colony. Thomas Munson was one of its earliest residents.

One of the passengers on the ship **Elizabeth of Ipswich**[1] which set sail for America the last of April, 1634 was one Susan Munson, 25 years old. Thomas Munson, in his Munson Record, rationalized that she might have been the first wife of Thomas Munson, but I think that Susan was his sister who married his good friend, Samuel Whitehead, soon after arriving in America. Samuel's wife (unnamed) was assigned the same pew in church as Joanna, the wife of Thomas. This indicates that they must have been members of the same family.

By trade, Thomas was a carpenter. His military service in the Colony began in 1637 when he was one of ninety men (42 from Hartford) in Mason's army called to action during the Pequot Indian war. The Pequots, who had forts on the east bank of the Pequot River, had attacked the towns of Weatherford, Windsor and Hartford and the call to arms was in retaliation for these attacks. The small army sailed the sixty five miles down the Connecticut River to the area of what is now New London (established 1646).

The historic battle with the Pequots was fought eight miles northeast of this area. On November 14, 1637, the Hartford General Court alloted three weeks, three day pay to "the soulders who served." The town of Hartford also allotted them 28 acres of land. In some of the records, Thomas Munson was called Sgt. Munson, later he was addressed as Ensign Munson, Lt. Munson, then on February 25, 1676, he was made Captain.

A short time after the soldiers' trip down the Connecticut River, the original planters,[2] under the leadership of the Rev. John Davenpiort, decided to "plant" a new colony of settlers at Quinnapiac, an area the soldiers had seen during their conflict with the Pequots. The town is now called New Haven. We know that Thomas Munson was there in 1640 because his name was one of the arbitrators in a dispute between the settlers. His name was mentioned frequently in the records. On June 11, 1640, Thomas was made a freeman and admitted as a member of the General Court.

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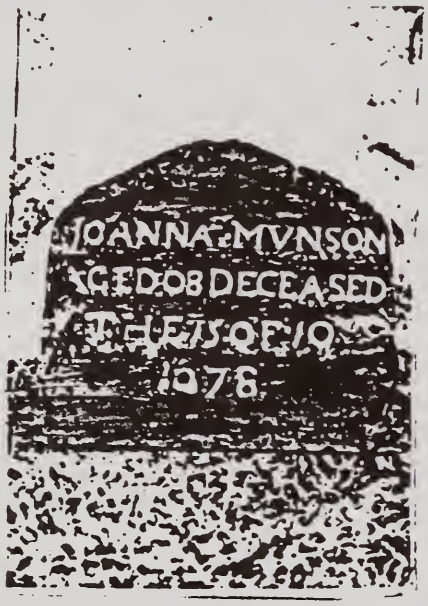
[1] **List of Emigrants on the Ship, Elizabeth of Ipswich**

[2]Founders of the town

Joanna (maiden name unknown) and Thomas Munson were married about 1640. Whether the marriage took place in Hartford or New Haven has not yet been established. Three children were born to this union: 1) Elizabeth (date and place of birth not found); 2) Samuel, baptized August 7, 1643 in the First Church of New Haven; 3) Hannah, baptized June 11, 1648 also in the First Church of New Haven.

Thomas Munson, active in town affairs, spent the rest of his life in New Haven. He died May 7, 1685 at the age of seventy three and was buried on the Green. His monument, a slab of sandstone, now stands in the Grove Street burial ground at number 9 Linden Avenue. His wife, Joanna, died nearly seven years previously on October 13, 1678. Her stone stands beside that of her husband.



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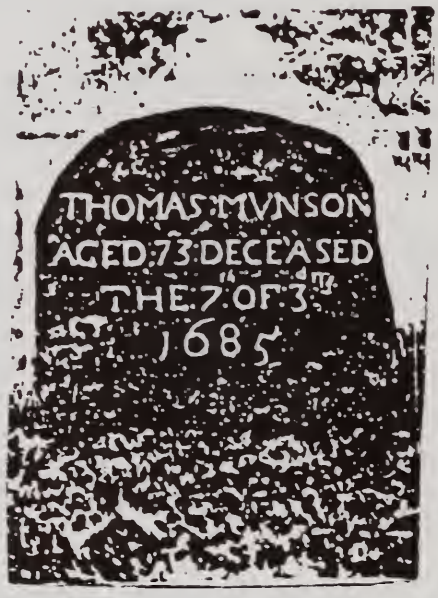
AGED 64 DECEASED
THE 13th OF 10m
1678



THOMAS MVNSON
AGED 73 DECEASED
THE 7th OF 3m
1685

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND Thomas Munson, carpenter, one of first settlers of Hartford Connecticut
Born c1612 England
Married
Died 7 May 1685 New Haven, Connecticut
Buried Grove Street Burial Ground, New Haven, CT
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Joanna
Born c1610
Died 13 Dec 1678
Buried Grove Street Burial Ground, New Haven, CT
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

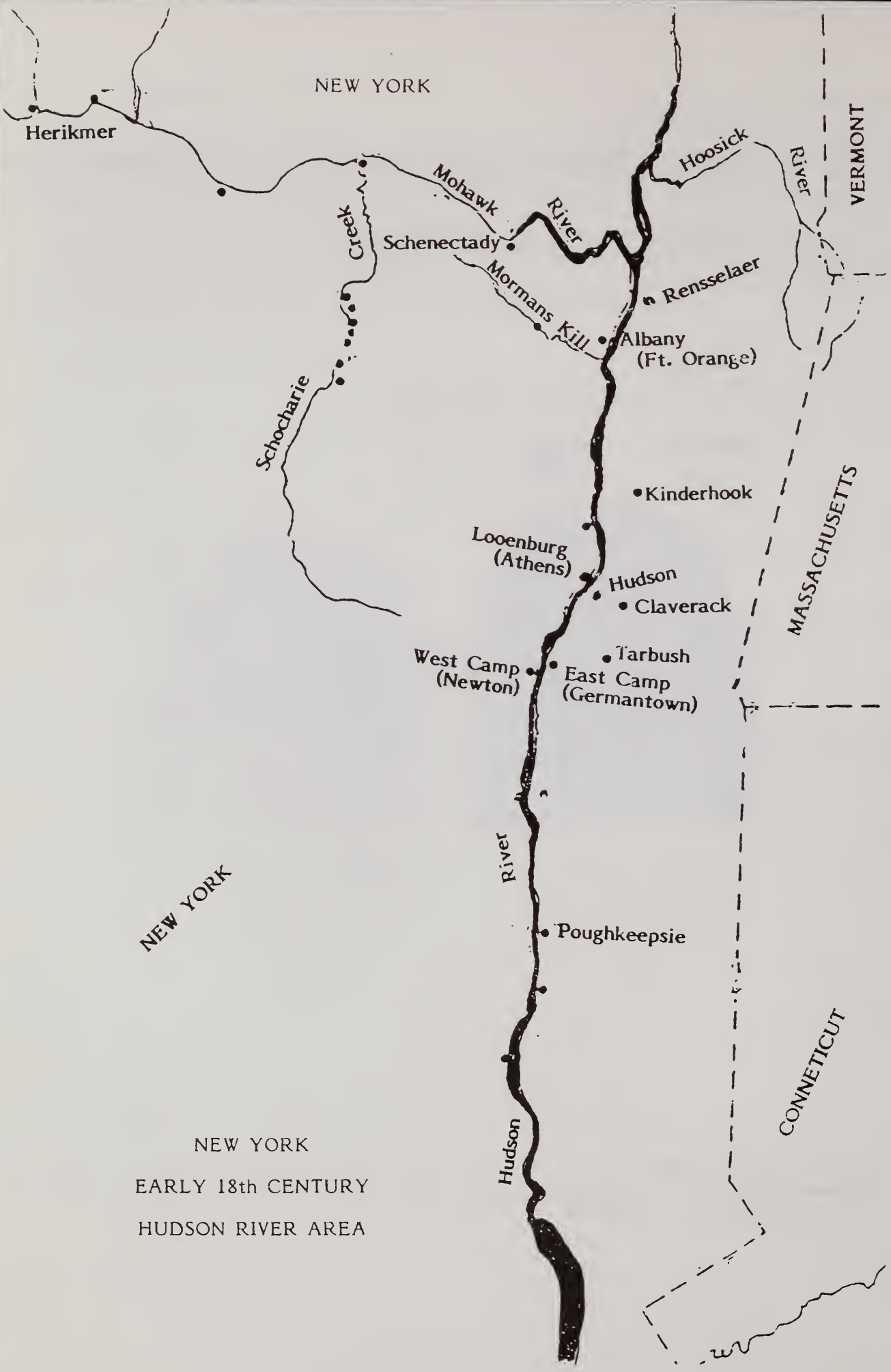
Children:

1. Elizabeth Munson
   b.

**2. Samuel Munson
   b. (bp.) 7 Aug 1643 in First Church of New Haven
   m. 26 Oct 1665 Martha Bradley
   d. 1693 Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut

3. Hannah Munson
   b. (bp.) 11 Jun 1648 New Haven, Connecticut

Source of Information:
Myron A. Munson, The Munson Records: Capt. Thomas Munson and his Descendants MDCCCXCV



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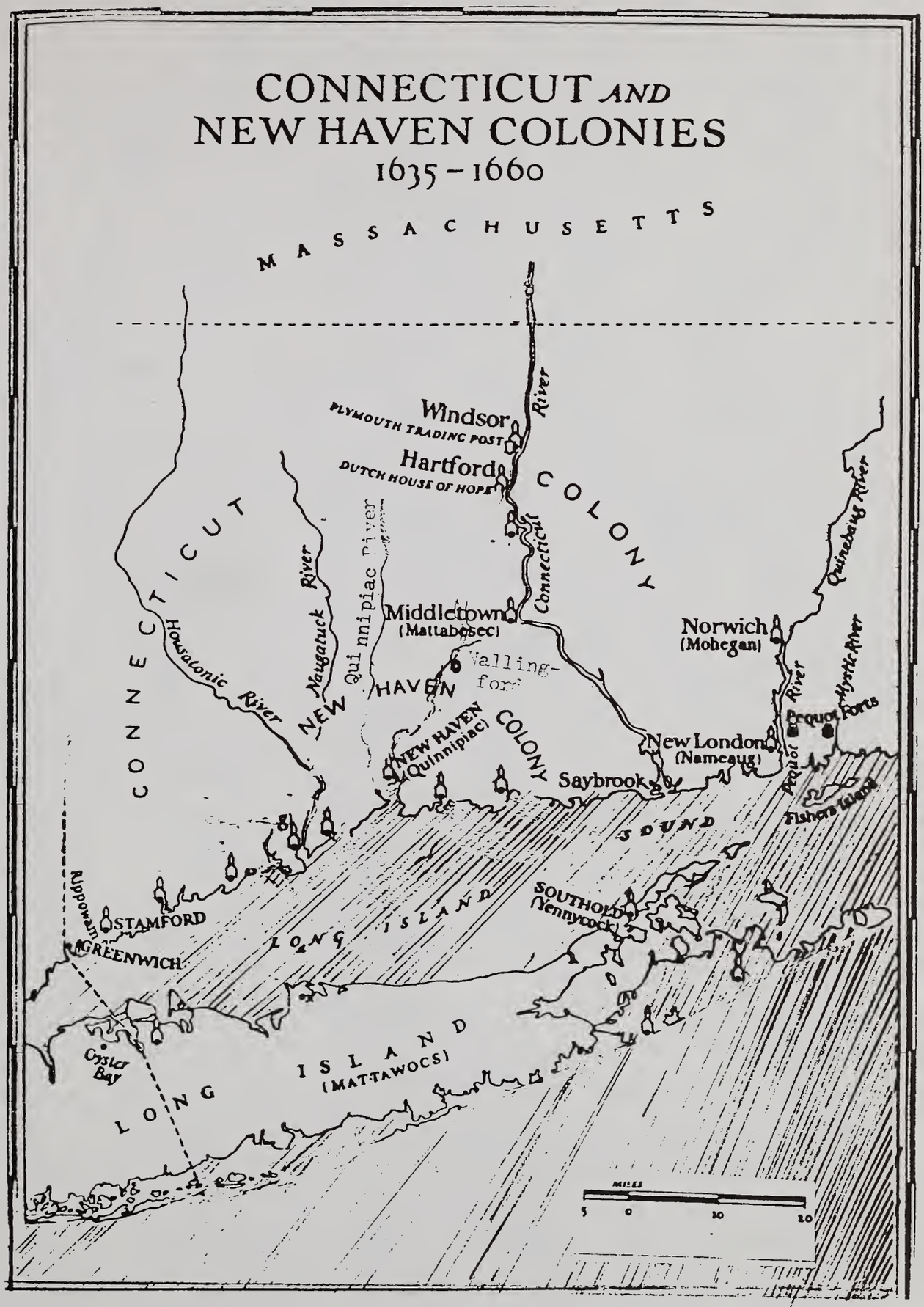
EARLY 18th CENTURY

HUDSON RIVER AREA


CONNECTICUT AND
NEW HAVEN COLONIES
1635 – 1660
MASSACHUSETTS
Windsor
PLYMOUTH TRADING POST
Hartford
DUTCH HOUSE OF HOPE
Connecticut River
COLONY
CONNECTICUT
Naugatuck River
Quinnipiac River
Housatonic River
Middletown
(Mattabesec)
Norwich
(Mohegan)
Quinebaug River
Mystic River
Pequot River
Pequot Forts
Wallingford
NEW HAVEN
NEW HAVEN COLONY
(Quinnipiac)
New London
(Nameaug)
Saybrook
Fishers Island
SOUND
Rippowam River
STAMFORD
GREENWICH
LONG ISLAND SOUND
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Oyster Bay
LONG ISLAND
(MATTAWOCS)
MILES
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Second Generation

SAMUEL MUNSON (1643-1695) - MARTHA BRADLEY (16xx-1708)

Samuel Munson, only son of Thomas Munson and Joanna, was baptized June 7, 1643 in the First Church of New Haven. He spent his entire life in the colony.[1] On the 26th of October 1665, he married Martha Bradley, daughter of William Bradley and Alice Prichard. To them were born nine children: (all listed in New Haven Town Records except Joseph and Stephen who were born in Wallingford) 1) Martha, born May 6, 1667; 2) Samuel, born February 28, 1668; 3) Thomas, born March 12, 1670; 4) John, born January 28, 1672; 5) Theophilus, born September 1, 1675; 6) Joseph, born November 1677; 7) Stephen, born December 5, 1679; 8) Caleb, born November 7, 1682; 9) Joshua, born February 7, 1684.

By occupation, Samuel was a shoemaker and tanner. Like his father, Thomas, he became active in town affairs. He served as a Selectman, a Fence viewer, a leather sealer (checked quality of leather tanned), and town constable. In 1667 he was made a freeman from New Haven. On April 12, 1669, Samuel Munson was chosen as the first School-master with a pay of 40 pounds for the year. The same year he was chosen to keep the "Legger books and to record all ye inhabitants; houses and lands in it, according to law."

As the area became more populated, a new settlement sprang up in the wilderness twelve miles north-east of New Haven. By 1670 a group of men, one of whom was Samuel Munson, signed the agreement with New Haven, declaring that they wished to become "planters" of the new community which was to be called Wallingford. The first town meeting was held April 4th, 1671. Two years later, five Selectmen, one of whom was Samuel Munson, were chosen to direct the affairs of the town. In the records of Wallingford, Samuel Munson's name appeared frequently. In 1673, "Sam'll Munson shall be allowed 40s for maintaining and beating the Drum in good order for the years ensuing"; 1675 the General Court at Hartford "confirms Samuel Munson, Ensign of Wallingford Training Band"; 1676 Ensign Monson and S (t) Andrews apoynted to audiat the accoumpt with Nathan Andrews the former Treasurer"; 1677 "Voted that ensign Munson shall have fourty shillings allowed him for meeting in his house this yeare" (for public worship); 1679 "the town made choyce of ensign Sam'll Munson to keep the Legger Books"; 1680 "The Towne chose Ens. Munson treasurer for the year ensuing"; "The towne chose Sam'll Munson Recorder...and promise to pay him twenty shillings for his paynes."

Sometime during the year, 1682, Samuel moved back to New Haven, perhaps to care for his widowed father or to become Master of the Hopkins Grammer School or both.

After the death of Thomas in 1685, Samuel received his father's house and homelott and sundry pieces of land. In 1690, Samuel, shoemaker, then of New Haven and his wife, Martha, deeded to their son, Samuel, "for and in consideration of ye naturall affection....which I bare unto my well-beloved son, Samuel Munson of Wallingford,...Planter....Doe...grant unto said Sam'll Munson, my dwelling house and Barne & half my accomodations....." Apparently, Samuel and Martha had decided to spend the rest of their days in New Haven.

Samuel, in 1692, was chosen as one of the Constables of New Haven. He died the following year. The estate was settled in 1694 and the land and possessions were divided (except the homelott and land deeded to son Samuel in 1690). Martha Munson Preston, the widow, and her sons, Samual (age 28), Thomas (age 26) and John (age 24) settled the estate. Martha, unable to write, made her mark, the sons signed their names.

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[1]Area called New Haven Colony until 1666 when the County of New Haven was organized.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND Samuel Munson, Shoemaker; one of first settlers of Wallingford,
Born (bp) 7 Jun 1643 New Haven, Connecticut New Haven, Conn.
Married 26 Oct 1665 New Haven, Connecticut
Died 1693 New Haven, Connecticut
Buried
Husband's Father Thomas Munson Mother Joanne
Husband's other wives

WIFE Martha Bradley
Born
Died 9 Jan 1708 prob. New Haven, Connecticut
Buried
Wife's Father William Bradley Mother Alice Pritchard
Wife's Other Husbands 2) bef. Jun 1694; 3) Matthew Sherman

Children: (All listed in New Haven, Connecticut Town Records, except Joseph and Stephen)

1. Martha Munson
   b. 6 May 1667

** 2. Samuel Munson
   b. 28 Feb 1668
   m. 1709 1) Martha Farnes
   10 Mar 1780 2) Mrs. Mary Merriman
   d. 23 Nov 1741 Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut

3. Thomas Munson
   b. 12 Mar 1670
   d. 28 Sep 1746 Cheshire, Connecticut

4. John Munson
   b. 28 Jan 1672

5. Theophilus Munson
   b. 1 Sep 1675
   m. 28 Jun 1714 Mary Moss

6. Joseph Munson
   b. 1 Nov 1677 Wallingford, Connecticut (Town Records)
   m. 10 Mar 1699 Margery Hitchcock

7. Stephen Munson
   b. 5 Dec 1679 Wallingford, Connecticut (Town Records)
   m. 26 Mar 1706 Elizabeth Brewer

8. Caleb Munson
   b. 9 Nov 1682

9. Joshua Munson
   b. 7 Feb 1684
   m. 20 Dec 1710 Katherine Street, d/Samuel Street

Source of Information:
Thomas Munson Records op. cit.

Third Generation

SAMUEL MUNSON (1688-1741) - MARTHA FARNES (16xx-1707)

Samuel, eldest son of Samuel Munson and Martha Bradley, was born Feburary 28, 1668 in New Haven, Connecticut. When he was nine years old, his father, one of the original planters of Wallingford, took his family to this wilderness area north-east of New Haven.

When he was about twenty years old, (1688), Samuel married Martha Farnes of Wallingford and by her had eight children, all born in Wallingford (listed in Town Records); Solomon, born February 18, 1689/90;[1] 2) Samuel, born August 25, 1691; 3) Marlo, born February 15, 1693/94; 4) William, born October 13, 1694; 5) Walter, born December 19, 1697; 6) Eunice (Unise), born September 15, 1700; 7) Obedience, born October 13, 1702; 8) Catherine/Katherine, born June 3, 1704.

When Samuel's grandfather, Thomas, died in 1685 in New Haven, his house and lot fell to his only son, Samuel. By 1690 it appeared that Samuel, Sr. did not plan to return to Wallingford. He and his wife, Martha, deeded their house and lot in Wallingford to their son, Samuel,Jr.

Martha (Farnes) died January 9, 1707 and the following March, Samuel married a young widow, Mary (Preston) Merriman. By her he had at least three children, 1) Tamar, born 1708; 2) Lemuel, born February 5, 1709/10; 3) Merriman, born November 19, 1710. Two more may have died in infancy. No record of them could be found.

In 1690, he was chosen by the selectmen of Wallingford as fence viewer. On March 15, 1692, the town gave Samuel Munson "thirty acres of land gratis". (He was one of the original settlers of the town). Thus began a life-time of service to the town in which he lived. For the next forty years, he served in many capacities--fence viewer; lister; on the school committee to secure services of a teacher; sheep - master; collector of taxes; recorder of conveyances (deeds); treasurer; and town clerk, an office which he held continuously for 29 years.

Samuel's will was written July 11, 1741, just four months before his death, November 23rd. He was 74 years old. The inventory of his extensive estate amounted to 1,512 pounds, 15 shillings and 7 pence. He was buried in the Wallingford burying ground.

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[1]The double date given does not mean either/or but stems from the change in the calendar. When the Gregorian, or new style, was introduced in Europe in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, it was speedily adopted by most Catholic countries. Great Britain refused to accept the change and retained the Julian, or old style calendar named for Julius Caesar, initiator of this method of reckoning time. March was the first month of the Julian calendar, January was designated as the first month of the Gregorian calendar. Great Britian and her colonies retained the old style until 1752; hence, double dates were used for the three months, January, February, March.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND (Ensign) Samuel Munson, Town Clerk, Wallingford, Connecticut
Born 28 Feb 1668 Wallingford, New Haven Connecticut
Married c1688 in Wallingford, Connecticut
Died 23 Nov 1741 Wallingford, Connecticut
Buried
Husband's Father Samuel Munson Mother Martha Bradley
Husband's other wives 2) 10 Mar 1708 (Mrs.) Mary Merriman

WIFE Martha Farnes
Born
Died 9 Jan 1707 Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (All born in Wallingford, Connecticut) (Town Records)

**1. Solomon Munson
b. 18 Feb 1689/90
m. 28 Jun 1714 1) Mary Moss
14 Jun 1753 2) Sarah Peck
d.

2. Samuel Munson
b. 25 Aug 1691
d. c1710 Port Royal, Nova Scotia (Queen Ann's War)

3. Marlo Munson
b. 15 Feb 1693/94
m. John Hitchcock

4. William Munson
b. 13 Oct 1694

5. Walter ? Munson Waitskill?
b. 12 Dec 1697

6. Eunice (Unise) Munson
b. 15 Sep 1700
m. 29 Dec 1720 Stephen Hart, son of Thomas Hart

7. Obedience Munson
b. 13 Oct 1702

8. Catharine/Kathrene Munson
b. 3 Jun 1704
m. 27 Oct 1920 Joyn Michel (Mitchell)

Source of Information:
Thomas Munson Records op. cit.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND Samuel Munson
Born 28 Feb 1668/69 Wallingford, Connecticut (Town Records)
Married 10 Mar 1708
Died 23 Nov 1741 Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut
Buried
Husband's Father Samuel Munson Mother Martha Bradley
Husband's other wives 1) Martha Farnes

WIFE #2) (Mrs.) Mary Merriman, (wid.) of Caleb Merriman
Born 25 Aug 1675
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Eliasph Preston Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (All born in Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut)

1. Tamar Munson
   b. 5 Dec 1708
   m. 23 Jul 1728 James Hotchkiss

2. Lemuel Munson
   b. 5 Feb 1709/10
   d. 1 Jul 1741

3. Merriman Munson
   b. 9 Nov 1710
   m. 24 Jan 1735 1) Esther Johnson, d/John Johnson
      23 Jan 1758 2) (wid.) Thankful Peck
   d. 9 Sep 1782

4.
   b.
   m.
   d.

5.
   b.
   m.
   d.

Source of Information:
Thomas Munson Records op. cit.

SOLOMON MUNSON (1689-1765) - MARY MOSS (1694-1740)

Solomon Munson, eldest son of Samuel Munson and Martha Farnes was born February 18, 1688/89 in Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut. He died April 17, 1783 in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey. On June 28, 1714, he married Mary Moss, daughter of John Moss and Martha Lathrop of Wallingford. She was born July 24, 1694 in Wallingford and died 1740 in Morristown. Eight children were born to this union, three in Wallingford, five in Morristown: 1) Martha, born September 14, 1715; 2) Samuel, born September 15, 1717; 3) Eliaseph, born November 17, 1719; 4) Moses, born 1724; 5) Solomon, born 1726; 6) Waitsill, born 1730; 7) Stephen, born 1733; 8) Caleb, born 1735.

Mary died sometime during the year 1740 and shortly therafter, Solomon married Tamer/Tamar Ward. To them were born four children: 1) Ruth, baptised June 19, 1748; 2) Eliaspeth, baptised June 19, 1748; 3) Elizabeth, baptised January 27, 1754; 4) Catherine baptised February 15, 1756.

Solomon wrote his will February 11, 1767. He died in 1773, the will was presented to the Court at Trenton, New Jersey, April 13, 1773 and was proved by his son, Capt. Moses Munson and A. Crane.

SOLOMON MUNSON'S WILL

In the name of God, Amen. This Eleventh day of February Annoque Domoni one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, I, Solomon Munson, of Morris Town, in the County of Morris, in East New Jersey, being of weak and low Circumstance of body yet of sound and perfect mind and memory, -- thanks be given to God for the same. Item. I Bequeath and devise to my well Beloved wife, Tamer Munson All my lands and Tenements together with all my Personal Estate. Item. I give, Bequeath and divise unto my well Beloved children, Samuel Munson and Martha Barker, twenty shillings to each of them. Lastly, I do hereby Authorize, constitute and appoint my well Beloved Tamer Munson and my beloved son, Moses Munson, sole Executors.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND Solomon Munson
Born 18 Feb 1689 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
Married 28 Jun 1714 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
Died 1765 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
Buried
Husband's Father Samuel Munson Mother Martha Farnes
Husband's other wives #2. Tamoor Ward - died 17 Jan 1779

WIFE Mary Moss
Born 25 Jul 1694 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
Died 1740 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
Buried
Wife's Father John Moss Mother Martha Lathrop
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Martha Munson
   b. 14 Sep 1715 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
   m. 6 Jan 1731/1732 Uzal Barker
   d. 1805

**2. Samuel Munson
   b. 15 Sep 1717 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
   m. 9 Nov 1743 1) Elizabeth Potter
   9 Oct 1745 2) Mary Allen
   1 May 1751 3) Sarah Prudden
   d. 1788 - 1790 Fayette County, Kentucky

3. Eliaseph Munson
   b. 17 Nov 1719 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
   d. 1 Feb 1845

4. Moses Munson
   b. 1724 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. Martha
   d. 1780

5. Solomon Munson
   b. 1726 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. 16 Feb 1750 Mary Pierson, Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey

6. Waitstill Munson
   b. 1730 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. 19 Mar 1755 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   d. 26 Feb 1777

7. Stephen Munson
   b. 1733 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. 1) Letitia Ludham
   2) Kezia
   d. 8 Nov 1805

8. Caleb Munson
   b. 1735 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. 22 Jun 1758 Susannah Ludham, Morritown, Morris County, New Jersey

Source of Information:
Families of Ancient New Haven, Connecticut by Donald L. Jacobus, p. 1287
The Thomas Munson Record by Myron A. Munson, Vol. I
Records of Mrs. Jake Webb, Colorado Springs, Colorado

SAMUEL MUNSON (1717-1790) - MRS. SARAH PRUDDEN, HIS THIRD WIFE

Samuel Munson, eldest son of Solomon Munson and Mary Moss was born September 15, 1717 in Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut. He was a small child when his parents moved to Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey. He was twenty-eight years old when he married Elizabeth Potter November 9, 1743. If he had a child by her, no record has been found.

Two years later, on October 9, 1745, Samuel married Mary Allen in Morristown. She was born between the years 1724-1727 in Milford, New Haven County, Connecticut. Listed in Presbyterian Church Records in Morristown, New Jersey were the births of two children, twins: 1) Ruth, born June 19, 1748; 2) Eliaseph, born June 19, 1748.

Samuel was married for the third time May 1, 1751 to Mrs. Sarah Prudden, widow of Bois John Pruden in Morristown. Their first three children were born in New Jersey, 1) Elizabeth, born January 27, 1754; 2) Catherine, born February 15, 1757; 3) Charity, born sometime after 1757. Samuel and Sarah moved to North Carolina between the years 1760 and 1765 before the fourth child, Samuel, was born. The County may have been Rowan, a huge county which was formed in 1753 from the original County of Anson. The fifth and last child, Isaac M., was born September 1, 1765 in North Carolina.

By 1770, the population had increased to such an extent that two new counties, Surry and Guilford were formed from Rowan. Then, seven years later, the far western part was cut off from Rowan and the County of Berke was formed.

The Munson family may have settled in Rowan County but found themselves in Surry County when the division was made. The eldest son, Samuel's, marriage record to Clare Hudspeth January 18, 1785, can be found in Surry County, North Carolina.

Some time before 1790, Samuel Jr. and his brother, Isaac, decided to go to Kentucky. No record was found for the death of their mother, Sarah, but we know that their father went with them because he died in Fayette County, Kentucky in 1790. Isaac's marriage license to Nancy Webb was dated January 28, 1793 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. This County was a part of Fayette until it's formation in 1783.

Geneclogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON/MONSON

HUSBAND Samuel Munson/Monson (Monson spelling used in Kentucky)
Born 15 Sep 1717 Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut
Married 1 May 1751 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
Died 1790 Fayette County, Kentucky
Buried
Husband's Father Solomon Munson Mother Mary Moss
Husband's other wives 1) Elizabeth Potter; 3) Mrs. Sara Prudden

WIFE 2) Mary Allen
Born 1724(7?) Milford, New Haven, Connecticut
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Ruth Monson/Munson
   b. 10 Jul 1746 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. 14 Jun 1765 Benjamin Van Cleve, Rowan County, North Carolina
   d. 5 Dec 1828 Shelby County, Kentucky

2. Eliaseph Munson
   b. 19 Jun 1848 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. c1768 Rowan County, North Carolina
   d. 3 Nov 1778 Rowan County, North Carolina

Source of Information:
Munson Record op. cit. Vol. I & II
Morristown Presbyterian Church records
Records of Mrs. Jake Webb, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND Samuel Munson (III)
Born 15 Sep 1717 Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut
Married 1 May 1751 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
Died 1790 Fayette County, Kentucky
Buried
Husband's Father Solomon Munson Mother Mary Moss
Husband's other wives 1) Elizabeth Potter 2) Mary Allen

WIFE 3) Mrs. Sarah Prudden
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands 1) Bois John Prudden

Children:

1. Elizabeth Munson
   bap. 27 Jan 1754 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. Ashbrook

2. Catherine Munson
   bap. 15 Feb 1757 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. c. 1773 Ralph Griffin, North Carolina

** 3. Samuel Munson
   b. 1760 - 1765 North Carolina
   m. 18 Jan 1785 Clare Hudspeth, Surry County, North Carolina
   d. bef. 31 Dec 1833 Harrison County, Kentucky

4. (Rev.) Isaac M. Monson
   b. 1 Sep 1765 Rowan County (?), North Carolina
   m. 28 Jan 1793 Nancy Webb, Bourbon County, Kentucky
   d. 11 Jan 1852 Bourbon County, Kentucky
   bur. Old Indian Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

5. Charity Munson
   b. Aft. 1757 Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey
   m. Abraham Hedden

Source of Information:
Presbyterian Church Records, Morristown, New Jersey
Thomas Munson Family Records, Vol. 1 and 2
Records of Mrs. Jake D. Webb, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Sixth Generation

SAMUEL MONSON[1] (1760/65-1832) - CLARE HUDSPETH (17xx-BEF. 1733)

Samuel Munson/Monson, eldest son of Samuel Munson and his third wife, Mrs. Sarah Prudden was born sometime between the years 1760 and 1765 in North Carolina. The county might have been Rowan. He was in his early twenties when, on January 18, 1785, he obtained a license to marry Clare Hudspeth in Surry County, North Carolina. She was the daugher of George Hudspeth and Judy Ran (the name might have been Rann or Wren) of Surry County.

George Hudspeth, born about 1735/37, was the third generation of Hudspeths in America. His grandfather, Ralph Hudspeth, was born about 1666 in Corbridge, Northumberland, England. He came to Hennrico County, Virginia and there married Margaret Eyres in 1688 or 1689. Margaret was the daughter of Joseph Eyres and his wife, Margaret Humphrey, whose father, William Humphrey, and his wife, Mary Maxey, were also English immigrants to Henrico County. Ralph Hudspeth died 1718 in Henrico County. His son, Ralph, (George's father) died 1777 in Surry County, North Carolina. About 1755, George married Judy Rann[1] in Granville County, North Carolina.

Eight children were born to Samuel Munson and Clare Hudspeth: 1) George, the eldest, was born in 1786 in North Carolina. Then Samuel and Clare decided to go to Kentucky. The other seven children were born in Kentucky. 2) Eliaseph, born October 16, 1787 or 1788; 3) Joel, born 1791 in Fayette or in Bourbon County; 4) Samuel, born 1793, Bourbon or Harrison County; 5) Thomas, born January 30, in Nicholas County; 6) Mary, born March 31, 1799; 7) Isaac, born 1801, Bourbon or Harrison County and 8) Catherine, born before 1810. After the Munson families went to Kentucky, the names found most often in the records used the spelling Monson.[2]

No wills were found for Samuel or Clare. It is thought that they died during the cholera epedemic of 1832 & 1833. The inventory of the estate of Clare Munson, widow of Samuel, was listed in the Will book of Harrison, County, Kentucky, Volume C, page 58, dated August 14, 1833. The bill of sale of the personal property was dated a week later. Copies of both items will be reproduced here. In September of the same year, a division of the lands of Samuel and Clare was made among the eight children namely, Thomas Munson, Eliseph Munson, George Munson, Joel Munson, Polly Munson Vanderen, Catherine Moffet, Samuel Munson, Jr., Isaac Munson.

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[1]Spelling often found on Kentucky records

[2]Records of Mrs. Jake Webb and Mrs Helen Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colorado

MEMO

COUNTY OF SURRY, NORTH CAROLINA
— Formed in 1770 —

REGISTER OF DEEDS

DENNIS W. "BUD" CAMERON
REGISTER OF DEEDS
P. O. BOX 303
DOBSON, N. C. 27017

To Mrs. Jake D. Webb | Date September 14, 1983

Message

This is in reply to your letter of September 10, 1983 requesting a copy of the marriage bond or marriage record of Samuel Monson. We found the following record in our old marriage bond index:

Groom: Samuel Monson - Bride: Clarey Hudspeth - Date of bond: 1/18/1785
Bondsman: John Colvard

The bonds have been sent to the Department of Archives and History, Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 and copies can be obtained from there for a fee. I do not know what the fee is.

Lillian B. Kirkman

From Lillian B. Kirkman — Registrar, Assistant, Deputy

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MONSON

HUSBAND Samuel Monson, Sr.
Born 1760 - 1765 North Carolina
Married 18 Jan 1785 Surry County, North Carolina
Died 1832 Harrison County, Kentucky
Buried Old Millersburg Cemetery on Maysville Road
Husband's Father Samuel Munson, III Mother 3/w Sarah Prudden
Husband's other wives

WIFE "Clarey" Clare Hudspeth
Born
Died Bef. Aug 1833 Harrison County, Kentucky
Buried
Wife's Father George Hudspeth Mother Judy Wren/Ran, Rann
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. George Monson
b. 1786
m. 1 May 1807 Lovicy Forrest, Bourbon County, Kentucky
d. 10 Jun 1852 Moultrie County, Illinois
bur. McCormick Creek Cemetery

2. Eliaseph Monson
b. 1787 - 1789 Kentucky
m. 29 Oct 1816 Sarah Talbot, Harrison County, Kentucky
d. 1860 - 1870 Harrison County, Kentucky

3. Joel Monson
b. 1791 Fayette or Bourbon County, Kentucky
m. 15 Sep 1809 Catherine Van Hook, Harrison County, Kentucky
d. Aft. 1860 Harrison County, Kentucky

4. Samuel Monson, Jr.
b. 1793 Bourbon or Harrison County, Kentucky
m. 20 Mar 1814 Margaret Talbot, Bourbon County, Kentucky
d. 1 Jul 1833 Nicholas County, Kentucky
bur. Old Millersburg Cemetery

5. Thomas Monson
b. 1798 Bourbon County, Kentucky
m. #1 30 Jan 1820 Edy Rule, Nicholas County, Kentucky
#2 Margaret Wright
#3
d. Aft. 1873 Shelbina, Shelby County, Missouri

6. Mary Monson "Polly"
b. 31 Mar 1799 Bourbon County, Kentucky
m. 7 Mar 1815 Stephen M. Vanderen, Harrison County, Kentucky
d. 20 Apr 1857 Aetna, Coles County, Illinois
bur. Probably Campground Cemetery

Children of Samuel Monson, Sr. and Clare Hudspeth

7. Isaac Monson
   b. 1801 Bourbon or Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 31 Jul 1820 Harriett Johnson, Harrison County, Kentucky
   d. Bef. 1870 Moultrie/Shelby County, Illinois

8. Catherine Monson
   b. 1800 - 1810
   m. #1 9 Dec 1813 Matthew Moffet, Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. #2 14 Sep 1830 William T. Henry, Harrison County, Kentucky

Source of Information:
Census Records, 1800, 1830 Bourbon County, Kentucky; 1810, 1820 Harrison County, Kentucky
Fayette County, Kentucky Tax Records, 1787-1790
Land Deeds, Harrison County, Kentucky
Harrison County, Kentucky Will Bk C, p. 58, 60
Records of Mrs. Jake D. Webb, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Helen Robinson, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname HUDSPETH

HUSBAND George Hudspeth
Born c1735-37
Married c1755 Granville County, North Carolina
Died after1804 Warren County, Kentucky
Buried
Husband's Father Ralph Hudspeth Mother Catherine
Husband's other wives

WIFE Judy Ran/Rann/Wren
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Airs (Ayers) Hutspeth
   b. c1758
   m. 1) Annie Greenwood
      2) Mary Street
   d. 1844 Lafayette County, Mississippi

2. Thomas Hudspeth
   b. c1764
   m. 4 Jan 1790 Sarah Glenn, Surry County, North Carolina
   d. After 7 Oct 1835 Maury County, Tennessee

3. Ahijah Hudspeth
   b.
   m.
   d.

4. Joseph (Josie) Hudspeth
   b. bef. 1774
   m. 1) North Carolina
      14 Sep 1804 2) Ann Shemwell, Logan County, Kentucky
   d. 1809 Warren County, Kentucky

5. George Hudspeth, Jr.
   b. 1765-1784 North Carolina
   m. Sarah
   d. 6 Aug 1827 Washington County, Missouri

6. Silvia Hudspeth
   b. North Carolina
   m. 6 Mar 1792 John Nickles (Nikels), Surry County, North Carolina
   d. 6 Jun 1838

7. Catherine (Katie) Hudspeth
   b. North Carolina
   m. Rountree
   d.

Children of George Hudspeth and Judy

8. John Hudspeth (twin of Joel)
   b. 2 Jul 1776 Surry County, North Carolina
   m.
   d. Simpson County, Kentucky

9. Joel Hudspeth
   b. 2 Jul 1776 Surry County, North Carolina
   m 1801 Nancy Clack, Warren County, Kentucky
   d.

10. William Hudspeth
   b. 1 May 1778 Surry County, North Carolina
   m. 11 Jan 1802 Tabitha Beall, Washington County, Kentucky
   d. 16 Aug 1867 Jackson County, Missouri

11. Mary (Polly) Hudspeth
   b.
   m. 21 Oct 1800 John Wells, Hardin County, Kentucky
   d.

**12. Clare Hudspeth
   b.
   m.
   d.

Source of Information:
Helen Robinson, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Vol C page 58 Will Book

Munson Clara Inv'y Harrison Co. Key

Inventory and Appraisement of the slaves and personal property of Clara Munson desc. total

	Age	$ cts
One female negro slave named Priscilla	50	33 00
One male negro slave named Armstead	29	350 00
One young " " named Delpha	10	275 00
One bay mare and mule colt	11	80 00
One young bay mare and mule colt	7	90 00
One brindle cow and black stear calf		13 00
One red cow and red heifer calf		13 00
Ten head of sheep at 62½ cts per head		6 25
Six head of shoats at 37½ cts per head		2 25
One sow and five pigs		3 50
Four red shoats at $1 per head		4 00
Eight head of hogs spayed sows and barrows		24 00
One large spotted sow		3 00
14 acres of standing corn $4 per acre		56 00
30 head of geese		3 00
1 shovel plow and clevis		1 00
1 set of Doubletrees		1 25
1 Cara plow		4 00
1 Old log chain		75
2 iron wedges and hoe		1 50
1 falling ase		1 50
1 set of gearing		1 50
1 " "		1 50
1 Lot of Pot metal		4 50
1 lot of old Irons shovel pot tramel etc		2 50
1 Copper tea kettle		1 50
8 split bottomed chairs		2 00
1 Little spinning wheel and flat Iron		2 00
1 Lot of crockery ware		37½
1 Lot of old barrels		1 00
3 buckets one churn and two trays		1 00
1 piggin coffee mill and coffee pot		75
1 Set of fire Irons		1 50
2 Blind bridles		1 25
2 Wheels and Reel		1 87½
1 Set of spools		25
1 Hackle and old crop hackle		50
25 yards of floor carpet		6 25
27 lbs of Rolls		6 56
1 Iron tooth harrow $4 1 mowing sythe $1		5 00
1 Wheat fan $8 7 old hogsheads $2.50		10 50
1 Pitch fork and cutting knife		75
½ acre Sowing of unrotted flase		2 00
1 Lot of Wheat supposed to be 34 bsh. 50 cts per bushel		17 00
1 old tub and cradle for sythe		50

	$	cts
One old side saddle	5	00
One bed and bedstead	16	00
One " and "	8	50
One bed and stead 2 pillows sheet and bed quilt	6	00
Three blankets	6	50
Two double coverlids	10	00
Two Counterpins	6	00
Three sheets $2.12½cts 1 quilt $1 3 quilts $5	8	12½
Two table cloths and two hand towels	3	00
1 Bed and Bedstead $5 1 Lot of Books 50 cts 1 Bureau $4	9	50
1 Lugar desk $2.50 1 set of silver tea spoons $4.50	7	00
1 Teaboard and tea cups$2 1 Lot of old cupboard ware $2.12½/4	12½	
1 Set of new plates $1 1 set of old plates 62½ cts	1	62½
1 Set of knives and forks $1.75 1 Dish at 50 cts	2	25
1 Quilt pitcher $1 1 pair of candlesticks 37½ cts	1	37½
1 Old Cupboard $1.50 1 yankee clock $12	13	50
1 Looking glass 25 cts 1 old dining table 50 cts		75
1 Keg and two crocks 50 cts 2 stacks of hay $10	10	50
$21.62½cts due and acknowledged from Isaac Munson	21	62½
1 Note of hand on Reason Talbott	19	50
1 Barrel and old Irons		50
1 Pair of steelyards half bushel and bridle	1	25
1 Matlock $1.50 2 old meal bags 50 cts	2	00
1 Wire sieve 41 cts 1 side of leather at Stewarts,taning$3.06½/	3	47½

We do certify that the foregoing Inventory contains all the personal estate of Clara Munson deceased which hath come to our hands

Thomas Monson
Joel Monson > Administrators

We do certify that the foregoing appraisement was truly and justly made of the personal property of Clara Monson Deceased which was produced to us by her Administrators to the best of our judgment all of which we respectfully report to the Harrison County Court . Given under our hands this 14th day of August 1833

John Varnon |
Reason Talbot > Appraisers
Leeland Whaley |

Commonwealth of Kentucky Harrison County to wit

September Court 1833

I Samuel Endecott clerk of the County Court for the County afore said do certify that this Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Clara Monson deceased was produced at the above Court and ordered to be recorded which is done this 26th day of the same month in the year aforesaid

Att S Endecott C.H.C.
T.W. M Endecott D.C.

Sale bill of Clara Munson decs'd

		$	cts
John Waits	1 pair of steelyards	1	06¼
Basil Whitson	1 half bushel		37½
George Monson	1 Tub and old Irons		56¼
Joel Monson	1 Riding Bridle		68 3/4
George Monson	1 Lot of old tubs		06¼
Reason Talbot	1 Mattock	1	50
John Wyatt	1 Old log chain	1	50
John Symmes	2 old hackles	1	12½
George Monson	1 Churn old piggin and tar		50
Isaac Monson	1 Copper tea kettle	2	00
Robert Anderson	1 Skillet	1	00
" "	" "		12½
Samuel Vanhook	1 Ten gallon kettle		65
" "	1 18 gallon kettle		50
George Monson	1 oven & lid & skillet		37½
Thomas Monson	1 pair of tongs and poker	1	12½
Isaac Monson	1 Small pot and bales		51
William Mullen	1 Grid Iron and shovel		51
James Wilson	1 Set of old crocks		31¼
John Wyatt	1 Coffee Mill		62½
George Monson	1 Cara plow and clevis	4	12½
" "	1 Set of Doubletrees	1	25
Thomas Monson	2 Iron wedges	1	00
Joel Monson	1 Set of hand irons and shovel	1	93 3/4
William Painter	1 Small bed and bedstead	4	30
Michael Isgrig	1 Bed and bedstead	10	06¼
Robert Anderson	1 " "	10	50
Joel Monson	1 Bed and bedding	17	00
George Monson	21 lbs of rolls and blanket	9	18 3/4
William Maffet	1 Cupboard	3	00
Isaac Monson	1 Lot of plates	1	07¼
Enis Franklin	1 " "		76
" "	3 plates		0.6¼
George Monson	1 Set of silver tea sprons	5	31¼
" "	1 tea pot		76
" "	2 large Bowls		50
Enis Franklin	1 set of tea cups and saucers		82
" "	4 plates		25
" "	1 Large Dish		62½
Enis Franklin	1 Lot of broken ware		37
Linvel Lilley	1 Tea canister and bottle		18 3/4
Allen Davis	1 Sugar bowl		18 3/4
Enis Franklin	1 Lot of knives and forks	1	75
Stephen Vanderen	2 brass candlesticks		50
George Monson	1 Coffee pot		25

		$	cts
John Bartlett	1 Jar of honey		12½
Michael Isgrig	1 Tea board	1	12½
Thomas Munson	1 Samll keg		37½
John Corder	1 Bed quilt		77
George Munson	1 " "		78
Isaac Munson	1 Counterpin	3	01
Joel Munson	1 "	3	62½
" "	1 Tablecloth	1	62½
Elisaph Munson	1 " "	1	93 3/4
Joel Munson	1 Double coverlid	10	25
George Munson	1 " "	10	00
Isaac Munson	1 Blanket	2	01
" "	1 "	2	25
Enis Franklin	1 "	2	38
" "	Remnant of cotton cloth and towels		50
George Munson	1 Lot of books	2	62½
" "	1 Sugar desk	2	50
Isaac Munson	1 Small Looking glass		37½
Allen Davis	1 Bureau	5	06¼
Col. John Wilson	1 Little wheel	2	50
Jesse Night	1 " "		81¼
Michael Isgrig	1 Big "	1	50
Benjamin Talbot	1 Reel		68 3/4
Elisaph Munson	25 yards of floor carpet	5	31¼
Jesse Night	1 weeding hoe		69
Samuel Vanhook	1 Sythe and cradle	2	37½
George Munson	1 Shovel plow	1	51
James Wilson Sen'r	1 Falling ase	2	00
John M. Saterfield	1 Set of chairs	1	81¼
George Munson	1 Large arm chair		56¼
John Bartlett	8 head of shoats	6	06¼
" "	2 Red barrows	4	12½
Stephen Vanderen	8 head of hogs	30	06¼
" "	1 spotted sow	3	31¼
Benjamin Vernon	1 Large red sow and 5 pigs	4	12½
George Munson	1 Brindled cow and calf	13	01
Elisaph Munson	1 Red cow and calf	15	87½
William Collier	1 Wheat fan	13	00
Thomas Munson	34 bushels of clean Wheat	17	68
" "	1 Lot of unrotted flase	2	00
Benjamin Vernon	1 Hogshead transfered to Isaac Munson		93 3/4
Reason Talbot	1 "	1	40
Jesse Night	1 Small tub		18 3/4
George Munson	1 Bay mare 11 years old	60	50
John Waits	2 Hogsheads	1	76
Jesse Night	1 Hogshead		25
James Lucky	2 Hogsheads	1	00

		$	cts
Joseph Collier	11 head of sheep	6	88½
Stephen Vanderen	1 Mule colt	32	50
Joel Munson	1 Bay mare 7 years old	76	00
" "	1 Mule colt	25	06¼
Isaac Munson	14 acres of corn in the field	99	75
John Turley	2 Blind bridles	2	00
Jesse Night	1 pair of horse gear	2	00
Wm. Long	1 " " "	1	62½
John Waits	1 Irontooth harrow	2	50
James Lucky	1 Cutting knife		31¼
Samuel Lilley	1 Clock	6	25
John M. Saterfield	1 Bucket		31¼
Joel Munson	1 Pitcher		95
John Syms	1 Bucket		50
Charles Jemison	1 Falling leaf table	1	12½
Stephen Vanderen	1 Side saddle	5	00
James Howel	1 Set of spools		12½
Benoney Jemison	1 Smoothing iron		56¼
Stephen Vanderen	The hire of boy negro slave	35	12½
Thomas Munson	The hire of one girl slave	6	50
" "	" " " woman slave	6	50
John Turley	1 Shoemaker's clamp		25
Thomas Munson	30 heads of gees at 18 3/4 cts per head	5	62½
Jesse Night	1 Hogshead		12½
Stephen Vanderen	1 Wire sieve		41
Thomas Monson	1 Pot tramel		75
" "	1 Old bucket		12½
Joel Munson	1 Side of leather at Stewarts	3	06¼
John Syms	2 Stacks of hay	10	48
Elisaph Munson	2 Mill bags		50
	1 Note of hand on Reason talbot	19	50
	$21-62½cts due the estate and acknowledged in the Inventory due from Isaac Munson Jun'r	21	62½

I do hereby certify the amount purchased at the above sale by Thomas Munson the Administrator agreeable to my calculation $285-68cts beside the hire of two negroes at $13 in which his own interest by purchase is 5/8ths leaving a balance to the estate of $4.87½ making his amount in all 33 55½

I further certify the above to be a true and perfect list of the Sale of Clara Munson Deceased any clerical errors that may be discovered excepted August the 21st 1833

John Waits > Clerk

Seventh Generation

GEORGE MUNSON (1786-1852) - LOVICY FORREST (1789-1851)

George Munson, eldest child of Samuel Munson and Clare Hudspeth, was born in 1786 in North Carolina. Shortly after his birth, Samuel and Clare moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky. This county was a part of Fayette until its formation in 1785. Fayette County was formed five years earlier from Kentucky County, Virginia. Many years earlier, Virginia had claimed this area as a part of her Augusta County.

One explorer, Dr. Thomas Walker, was in the eastern part of what is now Kentucky as early as 1750. Another was Col. Richard Henderson of North Carolina who later explored the central and western parts of the area. Daniel Boone, a resident of Rowan County, North Carolina, had explored parts of Kentucky as early as 1766. The first permanent settlement in 1774 was at Harrodsburg in what is now Linclon County. Boonesboro was founded the following year by Daniel Boone. It was during the years of Boone's explorations that Kentucky was designated as Kentucky County, Virginia. Before 1792, the year that Kentucky became a state, land grants in Kentucky can be found in **Virginia Land Grants** of that time period.

George grew up in Kentucky. On the first of May 1807, he obtained a license in Bourbon County to marry Lovicy Forrest. She was born February 24, 1789, the daughter of Grisham Forrest who had come to Kentucky from Orange County, North Carolina before the turn of the century.

Ten children were born to George Munson and Lovicy Forrest in Harrison County, Kentucky. They were: 1) Nancy, born September 23, 1810; 2) Samuel, born 1812; 3) Lovicy, born June 3, 1812 (twin of George?); 4) Sarah, born 1808; 5) James, born 1818; 6) Joel, born 1821; 7) Rachel, born c1820; 8) Solomon, born 1820/30. Two more boys were listed but names not given; perhaps they died in infancy.

George moved his family to Moultrie County, Illinois in 1832. George and Lovicy spent the rest of their days in this county. Lovicy died August 21, 1851. The inscription on her stone read: Lovicy Munson, wife of George Monson died Aug. 21, 1851, aged 62 yr 5 mo 28 days; George died ten months later, June 10, 1852. The inscription on his stone read: George Monson d. June 10, 1852 aged 66 yr. Both are buried in the Munson-McCormick Cemetery in Moultrie County. This cemetery is located in Whitley township, Section 11, T. 12 N, R. 6E. In the 1965 plot book of Moultrie County, it was shown to be in the northern part of the Herwin Young farm. In 1971, a great grandson of George's visited the cemetery and found only one stone standing, that of George Monson.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MUNSON

HUSBAND George Munson
Born 1786 North Carolina
Married 1 May 1807 Bourbon County, Kentucky
Died 10 Jun 1852 Moultrie County, Illinois
Buried Munson-McCormick Creek Cemetery
Husband's Father Samuel Munson Mother Clare Hudspeth
Husband's other wives

WIFE Lovicey Forrest
Born 24 Feb 1789 Kentucky
Died 21 Aug 1851 Moultrie County, Illinois
Buried Munson-McCormick Creek Cemetery
Wife's Father Gresham Forrest Mother Mary
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Nancy Munson
   b. 23 Sep 1810 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 17 Jan 1833 Allen Davis, Harrison County, Kentucky
   d. 27 Sep 1889 Moultrie, Illinois
   bur. Smyser Cemetery, Whitley Township

2. Samuel Munson
   b. 1812 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 22 Dec 1836 1) Celeria Cox, Shelby County, Illinois·
   5 Nov 1843 2) Clarissa Monson, Mountrie County, Illinois

3. Lovicey G. Munson
   b. 3 Jun 1812 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 15 Oct 1829 Europe Hendricks, Harrison County, Kentucky
   d. 11 Dec 1879 Smyser Cementery, Whitley Township

4. Sarah Munson
   b. 1808 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 18 Dec 1828 Linville P. Lilly, Harrison County, Kentucky

5. James Munson
   b. 1818 Kentucky
   m. 2 May 1852 Sarah Munson, Fayette County, Indiana

6. Joel H. Munson
   b. 1821 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 16 Nov 1841 Sabina "Orena" Davis, Shelby County, Illinois
   d. 18 Sep 1862 Moultrie County, Illinois
   bur. Smyser Cemetery, Whitley Township

**7. Rachel Munson
   b. c1820
   m. 14 Oct 1841 James Forrest, Shelby County, Illinois
   d. c1844

8. Solomon S. Munson
   b. 1829 - 1830 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 24 Feb 1852_ Honor Gardner, Moultrie County, Illinois
   d. 1880 - 1900 Fall River Township, Wilson, Kansas

9. Boy
   b. 1825 - 1830 Harrison County, Kentucky

10. Boy
   b. 1830 - 1835 Harrison County, Kentucky/Shelby County, Ill.

Source of Information:
1820 Census Records, Harrison County, Kentucky
1840 Census Record, Shelby County, Illinois
1850 Census Records, Mountrie County, Illinois
Munson-McCormick Cemetery, Moultrie County, Illinois
Records of Mrs. Jake Webb and Helen Robinson, Colorado Springs, Colorado

DENNIS FORREST (1784-1855) - ELIZABETH McCLINTOCK (1790-1873)

Dennis, son of Gresham and Mary Forrest, was born October 25, 1874 in Orange County, North Carolina. Gresham took up land in Fayette County, Kentucky and appeared on the 1788 Tax List of that county. Dennis grew up in Kentucky. He appeared on the 1810 Census of Harrison County, Kentucky. At the time, he was twenty-six years old and owned 14 1/2 acres and 2 horses.

A year later, on June 13, 1811, Dennis married Elizabeth McClintock of Nicholas County, Kentucky. That year, he was taxed on 16 1/2 acres (taxed at second rate) and 120 acres (taxed at the third rate). This land was located on Indian Creek in Harrison County. By 1816, he owned 3 horses and 66 acres on Mill Creek. The 1820 Census of Harrison County listed Dennis and wife in the 26-45 age bracket, three daughters and one son under ten years old. The children were, Jane, Sarah, Eliza and James A. Between 1819 and 1831, four more children: Artemesia, America, Margaret and Hugh M. were born to Dennis and Elizabeth.

In the spring of 1835, Dennis took his wife and eight children to Sangamon County, Illinois and settled in what is now Chatham township. That year, he was listed on the tax book as having 75 acres. Fifteen years later, the 1850 Census of Sangamon County listed Dennis, a farmer, 65 years old, born in NC, Elizabeth 60, born in PA, their daughter America Gibson, widow of William Gibson, her one year old daughter, Elizabeth, Hugh Forrest, 19, Isabel, 8 and Angeline 7 (grandchildren--daughters of James A. Forrest and Rachel Munson, dec'd) , America Elmore, 7 (another granddaughter-child of Sarah and H.H. Elmore).

Some family records say that Dennis Forrest served his country during the War of 1812. A Dennis Forrest, a Corporal, did serve in Capt. Solomon Bentley's Company from August 22, 1812 to October 22, 1812 and in Capt. Joseph Kirkwood's Company, Belmont County, Ohio from October 22, 1812 to February 22, 1813. This listing was found in **Roster of Soldiers in War of 1812 from Ohio.** Our Dennis Forrest was, at that time, living in Harrison County, Kentucky as shown on the 1810 and 1820 Census Records. The 1820 Census of Belmont County, Ohio lists a Dennis Forrest in the 26-45 age bracket, a wife in the same age bracket, four sons in the 10-16 age bracket and one son under 10. As previously stated, our Dennis Forrest was in Harrison County, Kentucky in 1820 with three daughters and one son, all under the age of 10. I believe that the Belmont County, Ohio Dennis Forrest could have been a first cousin of our Dennis and a son of one of the other Forrests belonging to the same Orange County, North Carolina family.

Dennis and Elizabeth sold the 40 acre farm on which they were living to their son, Hugh M.C. Forrest on July 26, 1855 for the sum of $600. The land was described as, "The south half of the West half of the North East Quarter of Section eight (8) Township fourteen (14) Range six (6) West of the third principal meridian containing forty acres....together with all and singular privileges and appurtenances..." Both Dennis and Elizabeth T. Forrest signed with an X (His and her mark.)[1]

Dennis must have been very ill when he transferred title of his farm to his youngest child, Hugh M. because he died three days later on July 29, 1855. Place of death was Laomi, Sangamon County, Illinois. Elizabeth survived her husband by eighteen years. She died July 29, 1873. Whether she continued to live on the farm with her son, Hugh, or spent part of that time with one of her daughters is not known.

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[1]**Sangamon County, Illinois Deeds** Bk. TT p. 77, 78

A biographical sketch of Dennis Forrest and his family was found in the **History of The Early Settlers, Sangamon County, Illinois** by John Carroll Power and is reproduced here:

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FORREST, DENNIS, was born Oct. 25, 1784, in North Carolina. He was married June 13, 1811, in Nicholas county, Ky., to Elizabeth McClintock, who was born Feb. 17, 1790, in Pennsylvania. They had eight children, all born in Nicholas county, Ky., and the family moved to Sangamon county, Ill., arriving in the fall of 1835 in what is now Chatham township. Of their children—

JANE M., born June 20, 1812, in Kentucky, was married there to John T. Webb, and came with her parents to Sangamon county. They had four children, and moved to Macomb, where Mrs. Webb died, September, 1866. Two children died also. DENNIS and PERMELIA live with their father at Macomb, Ill.

SARAH T., born March 20, 1815, married H. H. Elmore. *See his name.*

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ELIZA, born June 20, 1817, married L. P. Matthews. *See his name.* She died in June, 1866, leaving three children.

JAMES A., born in Nicholas county, Ky., is living with his third wife. He has three children. ISABEL married a Mr. Davis. The other two are ANGELINE and JAMES, Jun. J. A. Forrest resides in Nodaway county, Mo.

ARTAMESIA, born March 2, 1821, in Kentucky, married William Carter. She died, leaving one son, FRANKLIN, in St. Joseph, Mo.

AMERICA, born Oct. 11, 1823, in Kentucky, married in Sangamon county, March, 1842, to William Gibson. They had two children. WILLIAM D. died Aug. 14, 1847. LIZZIE J. died Aug. 22, 1866, in her eighteenth year. Mr. Gibson died Dec. 26, 1849. His widow married Sept. 5, 1855, to Thomas J. Darneille, who died Nov. 21st of the same year. She was married Jan. 13, 1859, to John A. Neal. *See his name.*

MARGARET L., born June 25, 1826, was married June 15, 1845, to James E. Gibson. *See his name.*

HUGH M., born Dec. 6, 1831, married Angeline Cooley. She died, and he married Ann Greenwood, and he died.

Dennis Forrest died July 29, 1855, and his widow, Elizabeth Forrest, died Aug. 23, 1873, in Chatham.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname FORREST

HUSBAND Dennis Forrest, Farmer
Born 25 Oct 1784 Orange County, North Carolina
Married 13 Jun 1811 Nicholas County, Kentucky
Died 29 Jul 1855 Chatham Township, Sangamon County, Illinois
Buried
Husband's Father Gresham Forrest Mother Mary
Husband's other wives

WIFE Elizabeth McClintock
Born 17 Feb 1790 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
Died 23 Aug 1873 Chatham Township, Sangamon County, Illinois
Buried
Wife's Father Hugh McClintock Mother Jane McCord
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Sarah Forrest
   b. 20 Mar 1815 Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. 16 Apr 1836 H. A. Elmore
   d. 6 Apr 1844

2. Eliza Forrest
   b. 20 Jun 1817 Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. L. P. Matthews
   d. Jun 1866

**3. James A. Forrest
   b. Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. 14 Oct 1841 1) Rachel Munson, daugher of George Munson
   (Shelby County, Illinois Marriage Records)
   2 Feb 1852 2) Sarah Rowley
   3) Reed
   d. 1881 California

4. Artemesia Forrest
   b. 2 Mar 1821 Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. William Carter

5. America Forrest
   b. 11 Oct 1823 Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. Mar 1842 1) William Gibson in Sangamon County, Illinois
   5 Sep 1855 2) Thomas J. Darneille, who died same year
   13 Jan 1859 3) John A. Neal

6. Margaret Forrest
   b. 25 Jun 1826 Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. 15 Jun 1845 James E. Gibson

7. Hugh M. Forrest
   b. 6 Dec 1831 Nicholas County, Kentucky
   m. 1) Angeline Cooley

Source of Information:
John Carroll Powers, Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois
1850 Census, Sangamon County, Illinois

F | 3 (Miller's) | Ohio Militia.

Dennis Frost

3 Corpl., { Capt. Solomon Bentley's Company of Ohio Militia,*

(War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Aug 22 to Oct 22, 1812.

Roll dated ..... Sept 24, 1812.

Date of appointment or enlistment, ... , 181 .

Date of appointment or commencement of service, Aug 22, 1812.

To what time engaged or expiration of service, Feb 22, 1813.

To what time engaged or enlisted, ... , 181 .

Present or absent, Present

To what period paid, ... , 181 .

Remarks and alterations since last muster: .....

* This company was designated at various times as Capt. Solomon Bentley's and Capt. Joseph Kirkwood's Company.

Drew

(669) Copyist.

THE McCLINTOCK ANCESTORS

The emigrant ancestor of Elizabeth T. McClintock, wife of Dennis Forrest, was Joseph McClintock, born in Tyrone County, Ireland in 1701. He was one of six brothers whose names were: Alexander, John, Robert, Joseph, James and William. All six brothers came to America about 1740 and settled in "Sherman's Valley" in what is now Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Cumberland County was a part of Lancaster County until 1750 when Lancaster was divided and Cumberland County was formed from the western part.

The McClintock family, of Scotch-Irish descent, was one of those caught up in the struggle between Catholics and Protestants in early day Scotland. During this time, Scotland was ruled by Catholic Kings and Queens and life for Presbyterian clans became so difficult that many left Scotland and settled in Northern Ireland. Thus, Scotch-Irish did not mean a mixture of Scotch and Irish blood, but Scots who lived in Ireland for several generations before immigrating to America. This branch of McClintocks can be traced back to Alexander McClintock, Esq., the first of the family to leave Scotland and take up a new home in Ireland. The date was 1597 when he purchased the Rathdonnell estates, in the County of Donegal. The family belonged to the "Landed Gentry." From this Alexander, their lineage is traced in **Burke's Peerage and Baronage** (page 1216) down through the years until 1740 when the six brothers left Ireland to make new homes for themselves in America. The Coat of Arms for this clan is recorded in **Burke's Peerage and Baronage** (page 1218).

James Robert McKee, a McClintock descendant, described his people in these terms, "Their love of liberty, their tireless fealty to right, their patriotism for their adopted country, so early and conspicuously enlisted, will challenge the admiration of the generations. A patriotism so devoted that it led them to destroy their military papers that their families might not become pensioners of their government. A patriotism the achievements of which are our priceless legacy." Mr. McKee did the initial research on this family and prepared an elaborate Pedigree Chart, a copy of which the author found in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.[1]

The father of the six McClintock men who emigrated to Pennsylvania was said to have been William who was born about 1680-85 in Tyrone, Ireland and died about 1792 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. All of the early McClintocks were farmers who also raised fine stock. All lived in close proximity to the other. It was their sons and daughters thirty five to forty years later that began to migrate south and west.

A descendant of Joseph McClintock gave the death dates of the six brothers as: Alexander, 1760; John, 1788; Robert, 1793; Joseph, 1799; James, 1801 and William, 1808.

Joseph McClintock, the ancestor of our line, married Elizabeth Torrence in 1740 . They became the parents of ten children: Daniel, Alexander, Joseph, Elizabeth, Agnes, Ann, Hugh (the father of Elizabeth McClintock, wife of Dennis Forrest), Mary, Sarah, and Margaret.[2]

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[1]James Robert McKee, **American Genealogy of Allied Families of McKee, McClintock, Mills, Stewart, Stipp, etc.** Los Angeles, California 1900. Pedigree Chart #422, Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

[2]Ibid

Elizabeth, wife of Joseph, died in 1758. All her children were under eighteen years of age. Instead of immediately re-marrying, as most men did, Joseph cared for his ten motherless children. After an exhausting day in the woods, he taught his children to read and write by fire-light. At least five of these children migrated to Kentucky County of Virginia, that area of Bourbon County which later became Nicholas County.[3] Early land records of Kentucky before it became a state, will be found in **Land Records of Virginia.**

Lured by the rumors of a quantity of wild game and the richness of the soil in Kentucky, William McClintock, assumed to be a nephew of Joseph, was one of a party of fourteen men in the Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania area who set out in the spring of 1775 to explore this beautiful region. They came in canoes, down the Ohio River, up the Licking to the Lower Blue Lick where they met another party of the same size. Together, they traveled the main Buffalo trace (path) toward what is now Lexington, Kentucky. Here, the company of men split into two parties to go in different directions exploring areas for future development. The McClintock part selected an area in what is now Paris, county seat of Bourbon County. They marked trees to identify the area they had chosen for fourteen families. These two companies were the first known visitors of the white race to select spots in this particular area. Each group made small clearings in the heavily timbered land, built crude log cabins with no roofs for each family, then returned to Pennsylvania via the Ohio River. The following year, they returned to Kentucky, planted small crops of corn and made improvements on the cabins.[4] This was sixteen years before Kentucky became a state.

In May 1779, Virginia passed the celebrated Land Law under which a preferred right to certain quantities of land to actual settlers who had become such prior to January 1, 1778, and to those who might have "made a crop of corn" or have resided in the country upon the western waters for at least on year....[5] Some so called "rivers" used to identify the location of land owners were dry streams for a greater part of the year.

Seven of the children of Joseph and Elizabeth went to Kentucky before the turn of the century. Four of the men who were in the original party of explorers in 1775 became sons-in-law of Joseph McClintock. They were: Henry Thompson who married the eldest daughter, Mary; John Miller, founder of the town of Millersburg in Bourbon County, married Ann; William Nesbit married Agnes; and William McClintock married Elizabeth. Three of the sons of Joseph and Elizabeth, Daniel, Joseph and Hugh also settled in Kentucky. They settled in Bourbon County, a part of which became Nicholas County.

Joseph and his brothers served their country during the Revolutionary War. Joseph's record can be found in the State Library, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Archivist there wrote: "To Whom It May Concern: I hereby certify that the name JOSEPH M^{c} CLINTOCK appears as a private in the Second Class on"A" Class Roll of John Nelson's Company for the years 1780 and 1781. Eighth Company, Fifth Battalion of Cumberland County Militia in the War of the Revolution. (signed) H.H.Shank, archivist."[6]

Hugh McClintock, son of Joseph and Elizabeth was born May 28, 1758 in Pennsylvania. He married Jane McCord on May 10, 1787. They lived and died in Nicholas County, Kentucky. Eight children were born to Hugh and Jane, one of whom was Elizabeth who married Dennis Forrest in Nicholas County. Hugh was a Revolutionary War pensioner. Hugh's wife, Jane McCord, died June 3, 1834 at the age of 72. Hugh died January 28, 1850 at the age of 93. Both were buried in Nicholas County.

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[3]Ibid

[4]Early Bourbon Families, compiled by Jemima Johnson Chapter D.A. R. and published in the KENTUCKY- CITIZEN April 15, 1944

[5]Ibid

[6]See also, **Pennsylvania Archives** Fifth Series, Vol. VI p. 355

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname MC CLINTOCK

HUSBAND Joseph McClintock
Born 1711 Tyron, Ireland
Married 1740 Pennsylvania
Died 6 Aug 1799 Cumberland Cemetery, Pennsylvania
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Elizabeth Torrence
Born c. 1710
Died 1758 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Order uncertain)

1. Joseph McClintock
   b. Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania (Cumberland Co., after 1750)
   m. 18 Sep 1785 Rebecca Patterson, daughter of William
   To Kentucky 1784
2. Alexander McClintock
   b. Lived and died in Pennsylvania
3. Daniel McClintock
   m. Frances Clark - To Kentucky (Bourbon County)
4. Elizabeth McClintock
   b. Jun 1753 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
   m. 1776 William McClintock
   d. 27 Aug 1819 Nicholas County, Kentucky
5. Agnes McClintock
   m. William Nesbit - to Kentucky
6. Ann McClintock
   b. 9 Jul 1757
   d. 1836 Marion County, Indiana

** 7. Hugh McClintock
   b. 1757 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
   m. 10 May 1787 Jane McCord
   d. Nicholas County, Kentucky

8. Mary McClintock
   m. John Miller, founder of Millersburg, Bourbon Co. KY
   d. 19 Dec 1825
9. Sarah McClintock
10. Margaret McClintock

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname McCLINTOCK

HUSBAND Hugh McClintock
Born 28 May 1758 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
Married 10 May 1787
Died 25 Jan 1850 Nicholas County, Kentucky
Buried
Husband's Father Joseph McClintock Mother Elizabeth Torrence
Husband's other wives

WIFE Jane McCord
Born c1762
Died 3 Jun 1834 Nicholas County, Kentucky
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Order uncertain, said to have had 8 children)

**1. Elizabeth McClintock
b. 17 Feb 1790 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
m. 13 Jun 1811 Dennis Forrest, Nicholas County, Kentucky
d. 23 Aug 1873 Chatham twp., Sangmon County, Illinois

2. Mary McClintock
b.
m. Henry Thompson

3. Sarah McClintock
b.
m. _____ _____ Clark

4. Margaret McClintock
b.

5.
b.

6.
b.

7.
b.
m. Nimrod Wood (called "son-in-law" in Hugh's Will)

8. Jane McClintock
b.
m. _____ Dunnington

Source of Information:
GENEALOGY OF ALLIED FAMILIES OF McKEE, McCLINTOCK, MILLS, STEWART, STIPP
Pedigree Chart compiled by James Robert McKee 1900 Los Angeles, CA

WILL OF HUGH MC CLINTOCK, NICHOLAS COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FEBRUARY 4, 1844

I, Hugh McClintock of the County of Nicholas and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills and Testaments by me at anytime heretofore made. And in the first place I direct that my body after my death be decently interred and my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life. After then it is my will and desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executor. And whereas my son-in-law Nimrod Wood at this time stands indebted to me in the sum of about Seven Hundred dollars which constitutes the only fund or estate which I at this time enjoy or am possessed of. It is therefore my will that the said Seven Hundred dollars or the amount which may be actually due at the time of my decease be approprated to the discharge of my debts which may then be owing. And as to the remainder of the Seven Hundred dollars, or the amount which may be in the hands of my executor after my debts are paid as aforesaid, it is my will and desire that it should be divided between my son-in-law Nimrod Wood and Jane Dunnington in the following proportions. Viz--two thirds of it to be paid to the said Wood and the remaining one third to the said Jane Dunnington. And I do hereby ordain, appoint and constitute Nimrod Wood my executor and he is hereby authorized to carry into effect this my last Will and Testament according to the meaning and intent herein expressed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of February 1844. (signed) Hugh McClintock (seal)
Att: Joseph McClintock & Elijah Summitt

Nicholas County Court February Tenth 1850
This instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hugh McClintock decd. was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Joseph McClintock and Elijah Summitt with witnesses thereto. Whereupon said last Will and Testament is established and ordered to become recorded, which is done. Attest:

THE McCLINTOCK FAMILY

In order to test the possibility of direct descent from Alexander McClintock, founder of the family in Ireland, we insert at this point, an extract from Burke's Peerage and Baronage, p. 1216, carrying each branch down to 1740, the date of the American family's emigration, and omitting only the sons who died unmarried and the mention of daughters.

Lineage

This is a branch of an old Scottish family, established in Ireland for upwards of three centuries:

ALEXANDER McCLINTOCK, Esq., the first of the family who settled in Ireland, purchased the Rathdonnell estates, county Donegal, in 1597, which he devised to his only son and heir; ALEXANDER McCLINTOCK, Esq., of Trinta, in the county of Donegal, who married in 1648, Agnes — Stenson, daughter of Donald McClean, Esq., and had issue

I. John, his heir and

2. William, born 1657, married 1685, Elizabeth, daughter of David Harvey, Esq., of Dunmore, County Donegal and had issue —

I. John McClintock, married Rebecca, daughter of Col. Robert McCausland, of Fruit Hill, County Derry and had

Robert, ancestor of the McClintocks of Dunmore county Donegal. Mr. McClintock (Alexander) died the 6th of September 1670 and was succeeded by his elder son

John McClintock, Esq., of Trinta, b. 1649, married Aug. 11, 1687, Jane, fourth daughter of John Lowry, Esq., of Ahenis in the county of Tyrons and had

I. a son who died young.

II. Alexander, of whom presently,

III. John, born 27th of March 1698, married Susannah-Maria, second daughter of Wm. Chambers, Esq., of Rock Hall and had issue:

1. William married Francelina, 3rd daughter of James Nesbitt, Esq., of Green Hills, and had

John McClintock (of Tyrons) who married Grace, daughter of Rev. Ralph Mansfield, A. M. of Casle Wray, county Donegal.

2. James of Trinta, born 17th of August, 1735, married in 1762 Dora-Beresford, etc.

IV. Robert McClintock (born 1702).

Mr. McClintock (son of John) died the 3rd of Sept. 1707, and was succeeded by his eldest surviving son,

II. ALEXANDER McCLINTOCK, Esq., of Drumcar, county Louth, born the 30th of Sept. 1692, died unmarried the 25th of May 1775, devising his estate to his nephew, the 3rd son of his brother John etc.

Thus it may be seen that the American branch of the family in order to be directly descended from Alexander McClintock, founder of the family in Ireland, as is claimed, must have come from Robert McClintock (whose history is not carried out in Burke's account), the fourth son of John McClintock, esq., of Trinta, born in 1702.

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McCLINTOCK FAMILY

The Emigration To America

The McClintock family of whose history we treat in the pages following, is of Scottish extraction but settled at an early date in the North of Ireland.

Two Pennsylvania branches which may upon investigation prove to be of the same family tree have recorded slightly varying versions of their origin.

One, which had representation in Kentucky a century later, was descended from the McClintocks of Donegal and Londonderry, Ireland, who emigrated to the north of Ireland at the time of the Revolution of 1688. The family belonged to the "Landed Gentry," that esteemed class, some of whose hereditary estates and rights to bear arms were acquired centuries before those of the peers of the realm.

Alexander McClintock of the county Donegal, Ireland, married Anne Patterson and had a son named Samuel, born 1772 d. 1856, who married Jane Rankin, whose son Mathew married Susan Appleby. Their daughter Jane McClintock, born Dec. 23, 1833 in Philadelphia, married Samuel H.

Craig and came to Woodford Co., Kentucky to reside. (McKenzie's Colonial Families of the U. S. Vol. IV p. 113, Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy Vol. I p. 574).

Arms of the McClintocks of Donegal as borne by Baron Rathdonnell are (Burke's Peerage and Baronage p. 1218)—

"Per pale, gules and azure: a cheveron, ermine, between three escallops argent. Crest: A lion passant proper. Motto: virtue at labore." The same arms are used by Bunbury of Moyle, co. Carlow and the McClintocks of Dunmore, Co. Donegal, of Kilwarlin, Co. Down of Seskinore, co. Tyrone and of Rathvinden, co. Carlow and Bleasington, co. Wicklow (Burke's Landed Gentry pages 248, 1277 and 1278).

The escallop shell was the Pilgrim's badge, worn on hats and hoods by them in their expeditions and pilgrimages especially to the Holy Land. It was considered a charge of such distinguishing character the Pope Alexander IV forbade its use to all except pilgrims who were truly noble.

One James McClintock, born in Ireland, a descendant of Alexander McClintock, who went from Scotland to Ireland in 1597, came to America and settled in Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., about 1760. He married Mary Davidson Williamson, a sister of Hugh Williamson, one of the signers of the Constitution of the United States. This couple left descendants through a son James, born 1785, and possibly others (Abdg. Compendium American Genealogy Vol. I, p. 457).

Apparently this James McClintock (Sr.) is one of the six traditional McClintock brothers who emigrated to America about 1740, settled in Sherman's Valley , Cumberland Co., Pa., and lived all their days there. According to James Robert McKee (628 N. Alexandria Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.) compiler of the McKee, McClintock, Mills, Stipp and Stewart family chart, they were Joseph, d. 1799, James d. 1801, Robert d. 1793, William d. 1808, John d. 1788 and Alexander d. 1760.

Although this sketch purposes to deal with the descendants of Joseph McClintock, this published notice of James McClintock's history is included for the light it appears to shed on Joseph McClintock's ancestry also

Joseph McClintock

Joseph McClintock, the direct ancester of one line, was born in Tyrone County, Ireland 1701, of that sturdy stock the so-called Scotch-Irish Presbyterians.

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They were a superior class, marked by their love of liberty and a tireless fealty to right which led them to embark for the new world in order to escape from the burdensome and despotic conditions which prevailed in the mother country in the first half of the eighteenth century.

The motives and courage which impelled them to flee for relief to the wilderness of the new world and its certain privations, were of the highest order and are a heritage of which one may be proud. The high purposes to which their lives were devoted and the physical strength, with which they endured the hardships of pioneering contributed much to the moral and physical strength of the succeeding generation.

They were men and women of pure and simple lives, of strong religious convictions, resolute, patriotic. Capable and industrious, they prospered in farming, stock raising, as shown by the six early McClintock wills, recorded in Cumberland Co., Pa.

Their devotion to their adopted country challenges our admiration. Many sons of the original six fought for the colonies, early and conspicuously exhibiting lofty patriotism. A number of them repeated the pioneer experience of their parents by going west at the close of the Revolution, to Kentucky, where they practiced the simple virtues and indulged their taste for domestic life. In appearance they are remembered as blondes of medium height.

In the case of Joseph's family their family standard seems the more remarkable in that Elizabeth Torrence, who became his wife in 1740 in Pennsylvania, died in 1758 leaving him with ten children, to whom he must be father and mother. After working in the woods all day he taught them by firelight at night inculcating them with the rudiments of learning, love of God, of home, and love of country.

The children of Joseph and Elizabeth Torrence McClintock were:

1. Daniel married Frances Clark, come to Bourbon Co., Kentucky, where he died 1798 leaving children: Elizabeth who m. Dinwiddie; Thomas m. Rachel Corbin; Margaret m. her cousin, Wm. Miller; and Alexander who died without issue before 1825.

2. Alexander, one of the two oldest boys. He was apprenticed to a wheelwright to learn a trade. He never came to Kentucky but remained in Pa., and had eight children.

3. Joseph, the oldest son, was apprenticed to a man who made sickles,

learned the trade and saved $1,000. continental money from the sale of his handiwork. He was remembered as a man of high temper and great energy. He married in Pa., Sept. 18, 1785, Rebecca, daughter of Wm. Patton, came to Kentucky 1784 and died in Nicholas County 1825. Born about 1744; left eight children.

4. Elizabeth, b. June 1750, married 1776 Wm. McClintock, died Aug. 27, 1819 in Nicholas Co. near Millersburg. Her husband was a Revolutionary soldier and a full account of their descendants is embodied in the McKee chart referred to above.

5, Agnes who married Wm. Nesbit, came to Ky., where she lived until after the death of her husband in 1805, and died in Marion Co., Ind., in 1836. He was in the Revolution: Issue 4 children.

6. Ann, b. July 9, 1757, m. John Miller, founder of Millersburg, Ky., Bourbon Co., died Dec. 19, 1825 (nine children).

7. Hugh, b. 1757, married May 10th, 1787, Jane McCord and died in Nicholas Co., Ky., Jan. 25, 1850; a Revolutionary pensioner (8 children).

8. Mary, b. 1742, died Dec. 14, 1827, near Millersburg, the wife of Henry Thompson, the oldest child of Joseph 1st. (6 children).

9. Sarah, married Mr. Clark, remained in Pa. (10 children).

10. Margaret, b. 1758, m. Joseph Patton (6 children).

11. Susan, m. Duffie, died in Pa. about Xmas 1813. prob. sister-in-law.

12. Wm. probably the brother-in-law called "Brother" in Power-of-attorney 1786. Joseph McClintock's (Sr.) will is said to have been filed in Cumberland Co., Pa., Aug. 6th, 1799, as follows,

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Will of Joseph McClintock

In the name of God Amen! I, Joseph McClintock of Teboyne Township and county of Cumberland and state of Pennsylvania, farmer, being of perfect mind and memory, Blessed Be God for his Marcies, calling to mind the mortality of my body and that all men has once to die; do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that give it nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again and my body to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. I give and devise unto my sons Danial and Hugh my farm which I possess with giving the sum which the aforesaid Danial and Hugh has mentioned in a covenance give by me Joseph McClintock which sum or sums to be divided equally between my sons and daughters hereafter named, Danial, Alexander, Joseph and Hugh and my daughters Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Agnes, Ann, Margaret and what might be left of my personal estate after my burial, I leave and bequeathe to my son Alexander such as my bed and bed clothes with my body clothes only my great coat I leave to my son Joseph and I do ordain William McGuair and Robert Hunter my Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do utterly revoke disanull all other will or wils made by me in any wise given under my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Joseph McClintock (seal)

Teste: John Clark
Hugh McClintock

EMIGRATION TO KENTUCKY

About the time that Joseph McClintock's children grew up, rumors of the quantity of game and wonderful fertility of the soil to the southwest (Collins'. History of Ky. says P 807 "Between 1761 and 1767 several companies of hunters from Virginia and Pennsylvania came into southeastern Ky.") led a company of fourteen young men of the vicinity of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., to make the trip to Kentucky.

In March and April 1775 Wm. Miller, John Miller, Richard Clark, Wm. Flinn, Joseph Huston (or Houston), Paddy Logan, Wm. McClintock, Wm. Nesbitt, Alexander Pollock, John Shear, Wm. Steel, Henry Thompson and two others came in canoes down the Ohio and up the Licking to the Lower Blue Licks where they joined a company of fifteen men who had preceded them by a few days. The William McClintock, above named is said to be the son of Wm. and a nephew of Joseph McClintock, but in 1776 became his son-in-law, as did also Wm. Nesbitt, John Miller and Henry Thompson.

Each party sent out explorers, who examined the country, and reported to the two companies at the Blue Licks. They all traveled together the main buffalo trace toward what is now Lexington, until they reached a trace turning west, since called Hinkston's trace which the Hinkson party followed. John Hinkson, John Haggin, John Martin, John Townsend, James Cooper, Daniel Callahan, Patrick Callahan, Mathew Fenton, George Gray, Wm. Hoskins, Wm. Shields, Thomas Shores, Silas Train, Samuel Wilson, a boy of about 16 years, and John Woods who composed this company, took the trace to the neighborhood between Paris and Cynthiana, where

they improved lands, made small clearings, built a cabin for each member of the party and afterward settled Hinkson and Martin's stations. Hinkston and Townsend creeks and Cooper's run were named for some of the men of this company, and a branch of Stoner, near which Martin's station was built in 1779 was called Martin's creek.

Meanwhile the other party encamped on Miller's run at the crossing of the Lower Limestone or Ruddle's road, and from there went around the country, selecting fourteen spots for improvement and divided them by lot. Wm. Steel's place was on the north side of Hinkston, below the buffalo trace; he improved it by cutting down timber and planting potatoes, the first planted in Kenucky. They all returned up the Ohio to Pennsylvania in the fall.

These two companies were the first known visitors of the white race to this particular spot of Kentucky.

In the spring of 1776, John Miller, Alexander Pollock, Samuel Nesbitt, Wm. Steele, Wm. Nesbitt, Wm. Miller and several others returned to Kentucky, raised crops of corn and made the usual improvements. These consisted of clearing small tracts, cutting initials on trees and erecting an improver's cabin, an uncovered enclosure of the rudest sort. Their seed corn was furnished by John Townsend and John Cooper who had raised a bit the year before.

In May 1779 Virginia passed the celebrated Land Law under which a prefered right to certain quantities of land was secured to actual settlers who had become such prior to Jan. 1, 1778, and to those who might have theretofore and thereafter "made a crop of corn" or have resided in the country upon the western waters for at least one year. (The proximity of water courses was the only means of describing the lands, and some which sound like large rivers are dry ditches eleven months of the year.)

Among the hundreds whose lands were secured by this enactment the six above mentioned men each became entitled to a stilement of one thousand acres and a pre-emption of four hundred acres adjoining.

It is very difficult for us to realize the very confused conditions of land titles at this time. In Kentucky some few entries and surveys had been made under the corporate charters and upon importation rights, very many more upon treasury warrants for money paid the receiver general, and many upon military warrants for services in the French and Indian war. Add to this the very crude method of marking the lands by blazing trees in a country covered with dense forests, and the lack of skill of many of the earlier surveyors and you have a chaotic condition of overlapping claims, which caused suits for fifty years in some instances.

Although the interesting old record book of the Virginia Land Court for the county of Kentucky (which sat from Oct. 13, 1779 to Apr. 26, 1780 to pass upon these claims) does not contain the name of Henry Thompson he evidently purchased at an early date the pre-emption rights of some other entrant. In Deed Bk. F, page 22, dated Oct. 5th and acknowledged Oct. 19th is recorded from a deed from Henry Thompson and Mary McClintock) his wife to Joseph McClintock (2d) for 604½ acres of land upon the waters of Hinkson, adjoining Hubbard Williams, Alexander Pollock's settlement, it being the half of Henry Thompson's settlement, (upon which final survey disclosed an overplus of 200 acres) which Thompson had promised Joseph McClintock for clearing out said pre-emption and securing the title for him (Nicholas Co. record).

Revolutionary record of Joseph McClintock

Department of Public Instruction
Pennsylvania State Library and Museum
Harrisburgh

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that the name of JOSEPH McCLINTOCK appears as a private in the Second Class on "A Class Roll of John Nelson's Company for the Years 1780 and 1781, Eighth Company, Fifth Battalion of Cumberland County Militia" in the War of the Revolution.

See page 355, Vol. VI. Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series.

(Signed) H. H. Shenk, archivist.

Notes on Research

I. Extract from letter to Mrs. T. C. Kurtz, Meadville, Pa., from J. Zeamer, 658 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, Pa.—

"You will note that as early as 1751 there were in Hopewell Township an Alexander McClintock and a Joshua McClintock. These were the first McClintocks of whom the Cumberland county records make mention. Alexander died in 1760, his will being proven on Sept. 10, 1760, apparently a young man. The Orphans Court records show that he had two minor daughters, Mary and Margaret, also that he had boys who were put to

trades, but it does not appear what their names were.

Joshua McClintock's only appearance was in 1751 and there is nothing to indicate what became of him.

From 1760 to 1787 there was a John McClintock in Hopewell, and in Newton, which in 1766 was formed from Hopewell. He probably was a son of the Alexander who died in 1760. This John's will was proven May 8, 1788 which shows that he had two sons, Alexander and Daniel; and three daughters: Mary, Ann and Elizabeth. This Alexander of this family died in 1795 and letters of administration on his estate were issued to his brother Daniel. His wife, Sarah (Torrance) McClintock died in 1806 without issue. (Sarah must have been sister to Elizabeth).

The above named McClintocks all lived in the part of Cumberland county lying south of the Kittatinuy mountain range or in the Cumberland valley. The section lying immediately north of the said range prior to the formation of it into Perry County, 1820 was generally designated as Sherman's Valley, and many of the settlers in the Cumberland Valley owned lands in the Sherman Valley, and had intimate social and business relations with the people there. There were no legal settlements in that section prior to 1754, as the Indians held title to the lands up to that time. No McClintocks among the squatters ejected in 1750.

The earliest townships in the "Sherman Valley" were Upper Tyrone, Lower Tyrone and Rye. Upper Tyrone was soon formed into Toboyne.

In 1763 a Joseph McClintock appeared in Toboyne and continued there until his death which according to his will occurred early in 1799. His will is dated Oct. 13, 1793.

But there were also others. The witnesses in Joseph McClintock's will were John Clark and Hugh McClintock. Hugh could not have been the testator's son, as the son was a beneficiary of the will and could not have been a legal witness. He was probably a brother.

Letters of administration on the estate of Hugh McClintock of Toboyne were issued March 24, 1795 to John McClintock and Elizabeth McClintock. As this was between the dates of the writing of Joseph's will and his death it could have been the Hugh witness to Joseph's will.

Another Hugh of Toboyne died in 1807, estate administered Nov. 5 to Wm. McQuire and Ann McClintock. A record in Orphan's court of Nov. 15, 1814 shows that the heirs were the widow Ann, and 1, Hamilton, 2, Frank, 3, Rachel, married Robert Reed, 4, Jane married Frederick Peale, 5, Mary married Robert Purdy, 6, Robert, 7, Hugh, 8, James, 9, Ann married Andrew Fleming, 10, Isabella, 11, John, the two latter minors under 14. (Ann, wife of Hugh, presumably Ann Crothers). Wife of Hamilton McClintock was Mary Culbertson, note from inquiry attached.)

C. P. Hamish's report on Cumberland Co. (Pa.) record May 12, 1897.

"As early as 1763 a Joseph McClintock was returned as owner of a 100 acre section patented land in Upper Terone-Tyrone township Cumberland, now Perry County, Pa. In 1763 the upper or westernmost portion of this township was set off as Toboyne. In 1763 Joseph McClintock is returned from Toboyne as the owner of 150 acres and is the only McClintock from Tyrone or Toboyne. In 1768, 1770, 1771 and 1772 Joseph McClintock is returned as a land owner from Toboyne, the quantity of land varying; and in 1770 Daniel McClintock who seems to be the oldest son of Joseph is returned as a freeman in Toboyne. In 1771 we have Daniel and Hugh, both returned, the former as a freeman, and the latter as the owner of 60 acres of land. In 1772 Daniel is returned freeman, Hugh as owning 100 acres and Joseph owning 200 acres in Toboyne. • • •

In 1769 a Wm. McClintock returned from Tyrone also in 70, 71 & 72. In 1820 a Margaret McClintock, widow, was assessed for 100 acres, and Joseph for 187 acres, of which 100 was ridge land, in Toboyne, Perry Co.

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The village of New Germantown was laid out on a portion of the land located by Joseph McClintock prior to 1767.

(extract from W. T. McClintock's letter dated March 5th, 1894, Chillicothia.) "From all I can learn, I am inclined to think the branch from which I descend, emigrated from Ireland and settled in Chester County, Pa., prior to the period when Lancaster Co. was carved out of Chester Co. in 1729. When that event occurred some of them fell within the limits of Chester, so also when in 1750, Cumberland Co. was taken from Lancaster County, some fell within the limits of each. My grandfather lived for a part of his life at least in Cumberland county, where my father was

born at Shippensburgh, Oct. 25, 1785. * * * I find that there was an Alexander McClintock who died in Cumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 1760, leaving children, Daniel, born in 1743; Jane born in 1745; William, b. 1747; Mary, b. 1749 died 1772; and Margaretta born 1751."

Extract from letter from C. P. Humrich, attorney, Carlisle, Pa., dated 1897 . . "In 1792 there were four townships in what is now Perry Co. Toboyne, being the most western and Tyrone (or Terone) joined it on the east. I found however that Joseph McClintock was a resident of Toboyne in 1793 to 99. Not of Tyrone township in the same county. These locations put your family further west in Sherman's Valley, than I had expected, and the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church to which you refer must have been located either in Newville, this county, or near Center, Perry Co. From papers which I have at hand I have learned that John McClintock settled near Sewell's Gap, in this county; and I should not be surprised if he were a brother of Joseph.

Miss Ann Wood, granddaughter of Hugh McClintock and Jean who lives in the brick house built by Hugh in 1805, near Headquarters, Nicholas County, Ky., has the original church letter of her grandparents dated Sherman's Valley, Cumberland Co. April 9, 1796. "That Hugh McClintock and Jean, his wife, have been members of this congregation, have had their children baptised, are of regular moral character, free from scandal, or any ground of church censure known to me, is certified by

John Linn, V. D. M. 22."

extract of letter from C. P. Humrich, attorney, Carlisle, Pa., Mar. 3, 189-,

"Cumberland County that is substantially all of Penn. west of the Susquehanna was originally a part of Lancaster Co. In 1749 York Co., was organized and it covered what is now represented on the map by what is now York and Adams Counties, the latter including the site of the Battle of Gettysburg.

In 1750 Cumberland county was organized, and it included all of the province of Penna. west of the Susquehanna, except the county of York as above described.

From this you will see, that at that date, Cumberland County extended to and beyond the Ohio river at Pittsburg, and when the latter manor was surveyed in 1766, it was described as in Cumberland county. The first county stricken off from Cumberland county was Bedford in 1771, and this embraced the territory from the present limits of Bedford westward. Westmorland county was organized out of Bedford in 1773, Washington County in 1781, Fayette in 1783, and Franklin from Cumberland in 1784. It will thus be seen that any one who lived west of the Susquehanna and north of York county, from 1750 to 1771 was a resident of Cumberland county. After that date if he lived within the present limits of Bedford or west of them he was a resident of Bedford and so, by the organization of one county after another his residence changed with the organization of the new counties. Perry county was organized out of Cumberland in 1820, and it now includes all of what at an early day was known as Sherman's Valley. It is so called from the fact that Sherman's Creek flows through it in an easterly or northeasterly direction, and the county is on the north boundary of Cumberland its entire length as you will see by consulting a map of Pennsylvania.

This Sherman's Valley was prominent in our early history, for the reason that one of the great Indian paths from the western part of this state eastward passed through it, and in many places and for miles at a time was along Sherman's Creek, thence to a gap in the mountain, now called Aterretts but which should be named Grogans, and from thence to Harris Ferry now Harrisburg, the state capitol.

Many of the prominent families of the early history of this county settled in Sherman's Valley, and afterwards removed south across the mountain into what is now Cumberland Valley. Partly I suppose, that about the time of Braddock's defeat in 1756 they had laid out a great road through this valley to Fort Hill which was a more desirable route than through Sherman's Valley.

(data from U. G. Couffer, Pa., R. R. Freight Claim agent, 236 Bellfield Ave., Pittsburg):

"An early family of McClintocks in Pennsylvania, Christian names of father and mother unknown, the latter a McDowell had as issue:

1. William McClintock, settled at Mercersburg.

2. John McClintock, m. Isabelle Hume, settled at Chambersburg.

3. [illegible] McClintock, m. [illegible]

Steele, went to Illinois.

4. Phoebe McClintock, m. _____ Bowman; settled at Bedford Springs.

5. Mary McClintock, m. _____ Peale.

6. Jean McClintock, born Oct. 26, 1781; married Christian Cougher Nov. 30, 1809, at Mercersburg (ancestor of Couffer)

7. Nancy McClintock, m. (?) Morrison and went to Piqua, Ohio.

A long letter from Alexander McClintock (3, Joseph 2, Joseph), dated Cynthiana, Harrison Co., Ky., Dec. 20, 1878 to Cousin Jane Dunnington (3, Hugh 2, Joseph) examined by compiler agrees with compiler's conclusions of the family history notes. A few additions in the way of dates have been inserted from this source, July 10, 1926.

The only as yet unplaced McClintock found in the vicinity is one Alexander McClintock and wife Sally Deeks referred to on page 75, deed book 32, Bourbon County, Ky., in a deed dated Sept. 1833. The Joseph McClintock who married Nov. 5, 1818 Elizabeth Honey and died in 1836 leaving a daughter Margaret over 14 (later married Dimmitt) and Elizabeth R, Francis Jane, Amanda T., Emily G., Eliza A., and Mary Ann (afterward married McKenney) all under fourteen proves to have been the son of Daniel and Fanny Clark.

Source:

Jemima Johnson Chapter DAR, **Early Bourbon Families**

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THE NORTH CAROLINA FORRESTS

The earliest ancestor of our Forrest line to be positively identified was James Forrest. His name appeared in the September 1755 Court Records of Granville County, North Carolina when he sued Michael Synott for trespass. His name appeared again on the Court Records of Orange County, North Carolina when Letters of Administration on the estate of James Forrest, dec'd, were granted to William Forrest. William's bondsmen were: Benjamin Forrest, Thomas Forrest, James Forrest and Alexander Nelson. It is assumed that William was the eldest son of James and, that Benjamin, Thomas and James were brothers as it was customary for close kin to sign as bondsmen. Alexander Nelson may have been a brother-in-law, or even a close friend.

Orange County was formed in 1752 from parts of the larger counties of Bladen, Granville and Johnston. This was nearly forty years before North Carolina became the 12th state of the Union. Orange County was later divided forming Chatham County in 1770 and Caswell in 1777. As the population increased, other counties were formed from parts of Orange and the surrounding counties so that today, Orange County is much smaller than it was when the Forrest families lived there.

When large groups of Scots-men were thrown out of their own country because of their religious beliefs, they poured into Philadelphia and other near-by ports. A James Forrest was one of those sent to New Jersey in 1685.[1] Both German and Scotch-Irish moved south through the valleys of Virginia and into the Carolinas. The above James Forrest may have been our emigrant ancestor.

Another possibility is Thomas Forrest, an Englishman, who came to Virginia in 1607. When his descendants began to move west, some of them settled in North Carolina. James, Thomas or even another Forrest may have been the emigrant ancestor, but the link could not be found.

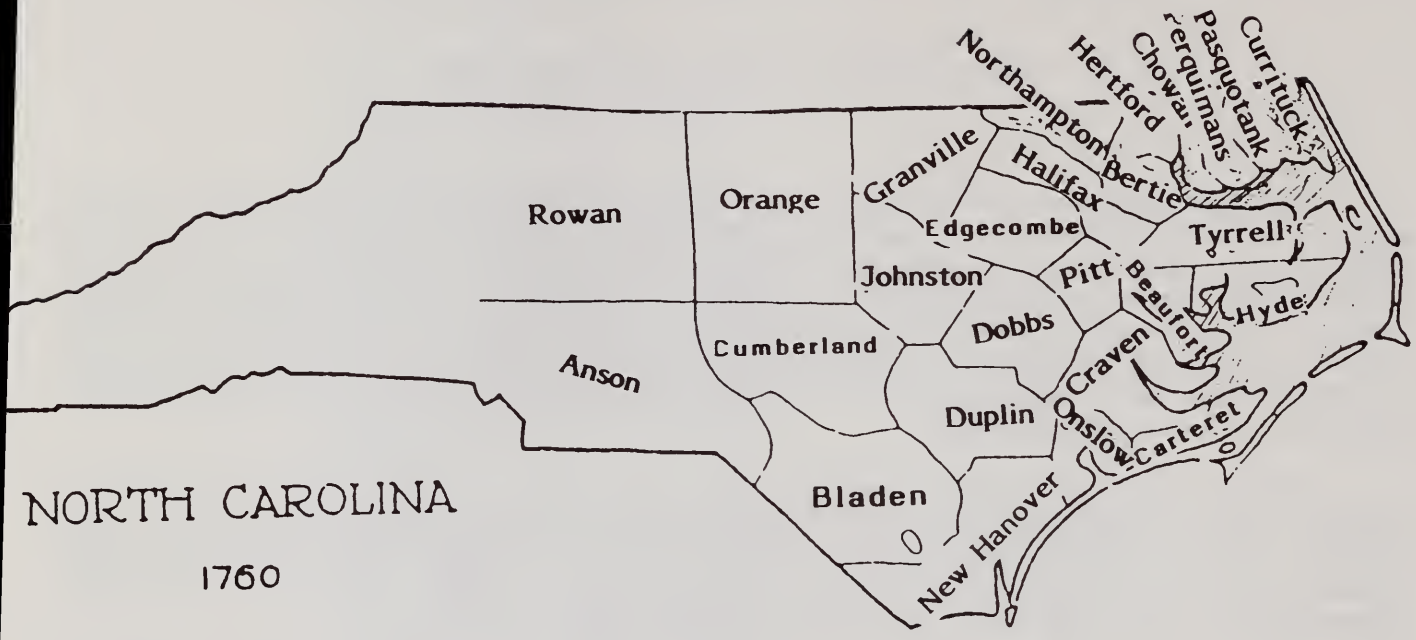
The Orange County Court House burned in 1789 and many of the records were lost or damaged. In the deed books that survived, especially Book "A" which listed early deeds of the county, the names of a number of Forrest men appeared.

The Register of Orange County, North Carolina Deeds 1752-1768 & 1793 list:

Book "A"	Grantee	Grantor	Acres	Date
Page 10	William Forrest	Benjamin Forrest	170	Mar 13, 1759
Page 15	Benjamin Forrest	John Thompson		Nov 11, 1760
Page 17	William Forrest	James Browning	65	May 12, 1761
Page 17	James Forrest	John Spencer	100	May 12, 1761
Page 18	William Forrest	Thomas Forrest	209	Nov 10, 1761
Page 18	Benjamin Forrest	John Mannen		Nov 10, 1761
Page 18	William Forrest	Benjamin Forrest	209	Nov 10, 1761
Page 18	Thomas Forrest	John Mannen		
Page 18	William Forrest	John Forrest	200	Nov 10, 1761
Page 18	Thomas Forrest	John Mannen		

[1] Robert Wodrow, **A History Of The Sufferings Of The Children Of Scotland** in which lists of Scotch prisoners to New Jersey in 1685 were found. Printed in England 1722.

Page 25	Abraham Nelson	William Forrest		Nov 8, 1763
Page 27	Malachi Isley	Philip Forrest	200	Nov 8, 1763
Page 31	Earl of Granville	John Forrest	329	May 8, 1764
Page 34	Peter Ream	John Forrest	202	Aug 14, 1764
Page 44	William Forrest	Gilbert Strayhorn	225	May 13, 1766



Early wills were extracted and published.[2] One of these was the will of William Forrest: written August 8, 1777, probated 1778, named wife, Lovina, sons, Shadrack, Gresham, Joel, William and Jesse. Executor, Edward Gresham, Jr. Witnesses were Isaac Forrest, Edward Gresham. The estate file of William Forrest in Orange County, North Carolina was checked. All that was found in the file was an inventory of the estate.

We know that the above William Forrest and his father, James, belonged to our Forrest line because, by tracing the line backward, we proved that James A. Forrest of Nodaway County, Missouri, was the son of Dennis who was born in 1784 in North Carolina. Dennis was the son of Gresham who left his home in Orange County about 1788 and took up land in Kentucky. Gresham was named as a son in William's will. William's wife was Lovina/Louisa Gresham, assumed to be the daughter of Edward Gresham, Sr., and a sister of Edward, Jr.

Several Gresham families were found in close proximity to the Forrest families. On the list of Taxable Property in Orange County, North Carolina 1780 Edward Gresham and Louisa Forrest were living in St. Mary's, the 16th District. (This was three years after the death of Louisa/Lovina's husband, William.) Edward was taxed on 225 acres (an old deed); 400 acres with improvements, 1 slave, 2 horses, 15 cattle for a total worth of £2,571, no details given. In the same district, a Robert Gresham/Grisom owned 2 horses and 5 cattle worth £155. In the adjoining district of St. Mark's, an Edward Gresham was taxed on 394 acres--entered and surveyed, 8 (?), 5 horses and 22 cattle, total worth £5,877.

If William Forrest, in his will, named his sons in the order of their birth, then Shadrack was the eldest, Gresham the second son, then Joel, William and Jesse. Isaac, a son, not mentioned in the will, may have been the eldest son who had already received his share of the estate. Gresham was born before 1765. He was listed as "over 45" on the 1810 Census of Harrison County, Kentucky. On January 1, 1787, he sold his land in Orange County, North Carolina, to his brother, Shadrack, and took up land in

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[2]**Abstracts of the Minutes of the Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Orange County** held in Hillsborough on Monday 24 Day of August 1778.

Bourbon County, Kentucky the following year. In 1793 parts of Bourbon and Scott Counties were divided and the new County of Harrison was formed. Gresham appeared on the 1800 Tax List of Harrison County which served as a substitute in the absence of a Kentucky Census for that year.

The 1810 Census of Harrison County lists Gresham Forrest in the 45 and over age bracket; one male under 10; one male 10-16; one male 16-26 (son Dennis became 26 in 1810); one female in the 26-45 age bracket (wife?); two females under 10; one female 10-16; and three females 16-26. This would indicate that there were nine children in the family; one sonand two daughters under ten; one son, one daughter, whose ages were ten to sixteen: one son and three daughters sixteen to twenty six. He was taxed on 109 acres in Harrison Cuonty for the year 1811. Gresham continued to appear on the tax list until 1826. That year, he owned 120 acres on Indian Creek.

Gresham was a devout member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church and served in the capacities of Deacon and Elder. This Church, established in 1790, was the oldest west of the Alleghenies. It is located four miles east of the town of Cynthiana and makes the unique claim of being the only original church on the original site and that it has been in continuous service since its beginning. A speech compiled by Mrs. Stella Cook Booth and read by her at one of the Anniversary Celebrations of the Indian Creek Church gives the history of this old log church building saying, "it has two doors, one for the men, one for the women to enter, was originally without windows, and no chimney, a punsheon floor and a few break back benches. The gallery was used for the slaves and only a small part of this gallery remains. At first there was no way of heating. The wealthy had foot-warmers. No doubt the others would go outside to a bonfire or depend upon their religious fervor to keep them warm."------Re-written and published in the **Cynthiana Democrat** Aug 6, 1969, Celebration Edition.

By 1825, Gresham had decided to move to Missouri, He disposed of his land in Harrison County and on the 29th of October 1825 he purchased 100 acres from Peter Ellis and his wife for the sum of $300 in Calloway County, Missouri.[3] The location was described as, "Beginning at a post corner to land belonging to sd Ellis, Abraham Ellis, Henry Roads and John Patterson thence E. to Range line, thence S. with line to a post Corner to John Wilfley's Land thence west with sd Wilfley's line to a corner in Abraham Ellis's line thence with sd Ellis's line and north to the begining." Calloway County, a comparatively new County was organized in 1820 from the older County of Montgomery which had been cut off from St. Charles County two years previously.

The year Gresham and his wife, Mary, decided to separate has not been determined, but Gresham speaks of her in his will written March 6, 1826 saying "my wife previous to my removing from Kentucky made a Settlement with me in which she expressed an entire satisfaction and having reference to Mr. John Williams, Esqr it could be clearly seen that she relinquishes all her claim against me which agreement I am Still Satisfied with.."

Apparently, the married children remained with Gresham. The following advertisement, copied from an old newspaper, was found tin THE KENTUCKY GAZETTE Vol. XVII, Number 929, and dated 3 July 1804:

> *Mary Kerr, wife of William Kerr, has been informed, that three of her children (daughters) have descended the Ohio in search of her, and that they landed at Lime_____ about six weeks ago. Their names are Betty Boyls, widow of Gilbert Boyls, Peggy Forrest and Nancy in Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio. All perfons who fhould (should) fee (see) this advertifement, will confer a great favour on an anxious mother endeavouring to find out the retreat of her daughters, and give them information of her place of residence.*
>
> *MARY KERR*
>
> *Cincinnati June 4, 1804*
>
> *Tuesday, July 3, 1804 p. 3*

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[3]Calloway County, Missouri Deeds Book pp. 431, 432

The thing that is most confusing about this advertisement is the date, July 3, 1804. No divorce papers for Gresham and Mary were found in Kentucky records, neither could any mention of Mary's marriage to a William Kerr be found. Mary mentions three of her daughters by name, Betty Boyles, widow of Gilbert Boyles, Nancy and Peggy (could Peggy be a nick-name for Melinda?). Nancy and Melinda are assumed to be two of the three females under ten on the 1810 Census in the household of Gresham Forrest. If this is so, they would not be old enough in 1804 to be in Ohio looking for their mother. We do not have a definite date on the marriage of Elizabeth "Betty" to Gilbert Boyles or what year she became a widow. The records found indicate that she married him about 1802. We do know that a marriage license for her and her second husband, McClellin Huddleson, was issued on January 16, 1821 in Harrison County, Kentucky. Could she have become a widow before June 1804 and remained one for nearly twenty years? One possibility remains, could the date of the paper, photocopied years later, have been 1814? Dates on old papers like those on ancient tombstones become harder and harder to read as the Years go by.

Gresham Forrest wrote his will on the 6th day of March 1826. He was then living in Calloway County, Missouri. Five months later, August 8, 1826 his will was entered for probate in that county[4].

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[4]**Calloway County Missouri Probate Records**, Box 100; Bundle #20 Estate of Gresham Forrest

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname FORREST

HUSBAND James Forester/Forrest
Born c1700
Married c1724
Died 5 Sep - Dec 1755
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Ann
Born
Died Aft. 1755
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. William Forrest
b. c1726
m. c1749 Louvena/Louisa Gresham
d. 1777/1778 Orange County, North Carolina

2. James Forrest
b. bef. 1734 Orange County, North Carolina
m.
d.

3. Benjamin Forrest
b. 1734-1739 Orange County, North Carolina
m.
d.

4. Thomas Forrest
b. bef. 1734 Orange County, North Carolina
m.
d.

5. John Manning Forrest
b.
m.
d.

Source of Information:
Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr.
Route 1, Box 66
Bragg City, Missouri 63827

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname FORREST

HUSBAND William Forrest
Born c1726
Married c1749 Virginia
Died 8 Aug 1777-Aug 1778 Orange County, North Carolina
Buried
Husband's Father James Forester/Forrest Mother Ann
Husband's other wives

WIFE Louvina/Lavenia Grehsam
Born c1731
Died Aft. 1778
Buried
Wife's Father prob. Edward Gresham, Sr. Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Shadrack Forrest
   b. Orange County, North Carolina
   m.
   d.

**2. Gresham Forrest
   b. Orange County, North Carolina
   m. Mary
   d. 1826 Calloway County, Missouri

3. Joel Forrest
   b. Orange County, North Carolina
   m.
   d.

4. William Forrest
   b. Orange County, North Carolina
   m.
   d.

5. Jesse Forrest Orange County, North Carolina
   b.
   m.
   d.

6. Isaac Forrest?
   b. c1750 Orange County, North Carolina
   m. c1775
   d. 1797/1798 Orange County, North Carolina

7. James Forrest ?
   b. Orange County, North Carolina
   m.
   d.

Source of Information:
Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr.
Route 1, Box 66
Bragg City, Missouri 63827

Will of William Forrest: August 8, 1777

In the name of God. Amen. I, William Forrest being at present in health blessed by God. I do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth:

Imprimis I give to my son SHADRACK one dollar, then to my son GRESHAM all the land lying in the fork; to my son JOEL all the land above the spring branch on the north side of Elebee's Creek. The plantation where I live and all the land on the South side of Elebee's of the said tract I give to my son WILLIAM. To my loving wife Louvina(sic) I give one negro boy named Abram and all the rest of my estate I give to her during her life or widowhood. To my son JESSE I leave a maintenance out of the said Estate according to the discretion of my wife with the approbation of the trustees and at her death of be equally divided amongst my heirs begotten of her body unto which I constitute and appoint Edward Gresham and Archer and my beloved wife Louvena (could be read Louisa) executor of this my last will and testament and Trustees for my childring (sic). In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the eighth day of August in the year 1777.

/s/ WILLIAM FORREST

Edward Gresham, Jr.
Isaac Forrest

Orange County August Court 1778. The execution of the above will was duly proved in open court by the oaths of Edward Gresham Jr. and Isaac Forrest the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Orange County North Carolina Wills - Book A. page 207

ORANGE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER the 25th 1778

An Inventory of the Deceased William Forrest Estate
420 Acres of Land, one Negro, Money 99 pounds 6 shillings 6 pence, Three head of horses, Thirteen head of Cattle, Thirty-one head of hogs, Five head of Sheep, Four beds and furniture, Three ? & five Bafones & Thirteen plates, Two ? and Nineteen Spoons, Two Chests, One Trunk, Two Linnen Wheels, Two guns, Three Saddles, one Loom, Two Slays and one pair of harness, Four Iron pots, one pan, Two planes, Four Chizzels, Two Augers, one gong, Two Saws, one foot ?, one pair of Compasses, one jointer, one plane, Four Gimblits, one Taper Bit, Some Shoemakers Tools, Eleven knives, Eight forks, one pair of horse?, Four Axes and Two Tomahawks, Eight hoes, one flax ?, one pair of Stilyards(?), one Box Iron for Iron wedges, one Tanning knife, One lock chain, one pair of Iron Geers, Two pair of geers, four ? hooks, one pair of Tongs, Two Tables, one Box, Eleven Books, Two Punch Bowls, Two Mugs, Three jugs, Threee Bottles, Three Glasses, Some Tea ware, one paper Box, five Bells, Three water pales, one Cutting knife, one Box, one Candlestick and Snuffers, one Ink glass, one pair of ? forks, Two chairs, one ?, one pair of Cotten cords, one Slate, one Fifth Jygg(?), one ? mous Trap, one Branding Iron.

Edward Gresham Arthur Gresham
on Oath Louisa X Forrest

Orange County & State of North Carolina November the 25 day 1778

An Inventory of the Decd William Forrests Estate

420 Acres of Land one Negro Money £ 99 " S 6 " D 6 Three head of horse Thirteen head of Cattle Thirty one head of hogs Five head of Sheep Four Beds and furniture Three Dishes & five Basons & Thirteen Plates Two Porringers and Nineteen Spoons Two Chests one Trunk Two Linnen Wheels Two Guns Three Saddles one Loom Two Slays and one Pair of harness Four Iron Pots one Pan Two Plows Four Chizzels Two Augers one Goug Two Saws one foot Adds one Pair of Compasses one Jointer one Plane Four Gimblets one Taper Bit Some Shewmakers Twools Eleven Knives Eight forks one Pair of horseflesmes Four Axes and Two Tomahawks Eight hoes one flax hackle one Pair of Stilyards one Box Iron Two Iron wedges one Drawing knife One lock Chain one Pair of Iron Geers Two Pair of Geers four Reap hooks one Pair of Tongs Two Tables one Box Eleven Books Two Panes Bools Two Mugs Three Jugs Three Bottles Three Glasses Some Tea ware one Peper Box five Bells Three water Pales one Cutting knife and Box one Candlestick and Snuffers one Ink Glass One Pair of flesh forks Two Chears one Pad lock one Pair of Cotton Cards One Slate one Fish Gygg one wier mous Trap one Branding Iron

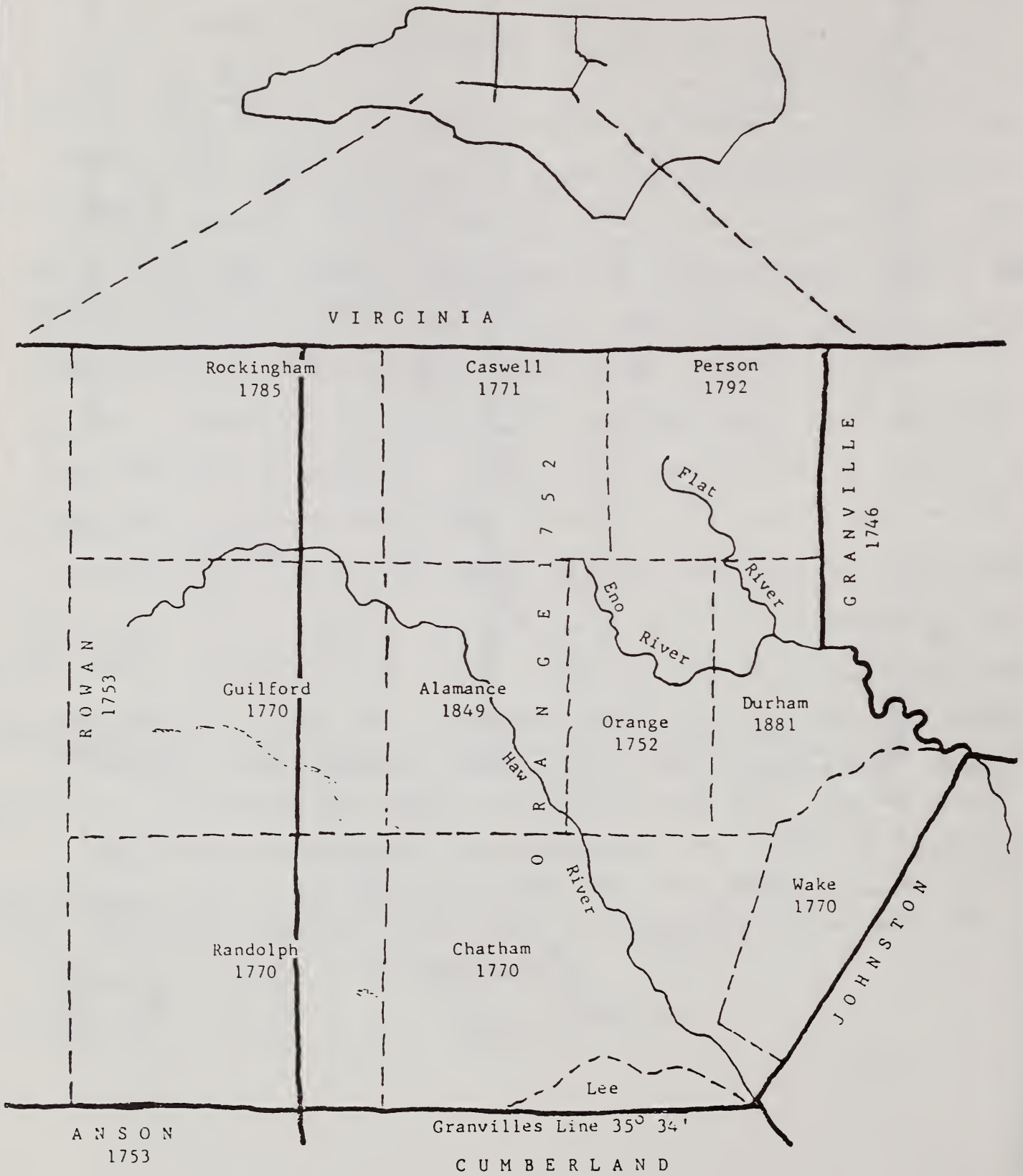
Edward Gresham Archer Gresham

on Oath

Lewis X Forrest

ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

1752



Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname FORREST

HUSBAND Gresham Forrest
Born Bef. 1765 Orange County, North Carolina
Married
Died 6 Mar - 8 Sep 1826 Calloway County, Missouri
Buried
Husband's Father William Forrest Mother Louvina/Luvenia Gresham
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands William Kerr (resident of Cincinnati, Ohio)

Children:

1. (Capt.) Memorial Forrest
   b. (prob.) Orange County, North Carolina
   d. 1818 Harrison County, Kentucky

**2. Dennis Forrest
   b. 25 Oct 1784 Orange County, North Carolina
   m. 13 Jun 1811 Elizabeth McClintock, Nicholas County, Kentucky
   d. 29 Jul 1855 Chatham Township, Sanganon, Orange County, Illinois

3. William Forrest
   b. c1776 Orange County, North Carolina
   m. 16 Dec 1796 1) Martha Burns, Harrison County, Kentucky
   8 Sep 1882 2) Matilda Anderson, Harrison County, Kentucky

4. (Elizabeth R. Forrester) Betsy Forrest
   b.
   m. c1802 1) Gilbert Boyles, Harrison County, Kentucky
   21 Jun 1821 2) McClellin Hudleson, Harrison County, Kentucky

**5. Lovicy Forrest
   b. 24 Feb 1789 Fayette/Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 1 May 1807 George Munson, Bourbon County, Kentucky
   d. 21 Aug 1851 Moultrie County, Illinois
   bur. Munson-McCormick Creek Cemetery

6. Polly R. Forrest
   b. c1794 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 12 Jul 1814 Solomon S. Story, Harrison County, Kentucky

7. Young G. Forrest
   b. c1801 Harrison County, Kentucky
   m. 19 Mar 1821 Mary Beaken, Harrison County, Kentucky

8. Nancy Forrest
   b. 1800 - 1804 Harrison County, Kentucky

9. Melinda Forrest
   b. 1800 - 1804 Harrison County, Kentucky

Source of Information:
Early Tax Records, Bourbon and Harrison Counties, Kentucky
History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky
by Perrin
Kentucky Gazette, Vol. I, II
Capt. Memorial Forrest in war of 1812
Records of Mrs. Lee Poynter, Maryville, Missouri
Records of Mrs. Jake Webb, Colorado Springs, Colorado

WILL OF GRESHAM FORREST 6 MARCH 1826

State of Mifsouri Calloway County

I Gresham Forrest Being low in body But Sound in mind and memory believing in a final disolution of all things and that this Mortal Body must die and be no more I therefore wish to make a disposal of all my Goods and Chattles to my Surviving Children or heirs making and ordaining this to be my last will and Testament In the manner now following----
First my will is that my Public funeral expenses be first paid after that all my Legal and Just Debts
Thirdly my further will is that my wife previous to my removing from Kentucky made a Settlement with me in which she exprefsed an entire Satisfaction and having reference to Mr John Williams Esqr it could be clearly seen that she relinquishes all her claim against me which agreement I am Still Satisfied with,
Fourthly my will is that my beloved Daughters Nancy and Millinda have the land I now live on equally in Conjunction together and provided Nancy die without issue her part to be divided among her Brothers and Sisters and further that Nancy & Millinda have a bed and couch (?) and furniture (?) that they now claim.
Fifthly thqt my Daughter Nancy have my Boy Simon during her life time and leaving no issue he is then to be sold and divided among her lawful heirs
Sixthly I will that the Ballance of my Estate and all Singularly to be sold and the money be divided equally and fairly among all my children with the exception of two (to wit) Polly R. Story and Young B. Forrest as I think each of them have had an Equal portion of my little Estate heretofore (?) I therefore will to my Daughter Polly R. Story five Dollars and to my Son young G. Forrest I will that he have Fifty Dollars
Seventhly I do now confirm and make this to be my last will Revoking all others and by these presents do appoint William Martin and James C. M. Cutchen my Executors in witnefs where off I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 6th day of March 1826
Signed in presence of
Stephan Chapman Gresham Forrest (Seal)
his
Henry (x) Rhodes
mark

(Box 100 Bundle #20 Calloway County, Missouri)
(Entered for probate August 8, 1826, at Funston, Missouri)

June 6th 1826 (1827?)

Dr. Sir we as heirs and Legal Representatives of Grifsom Forrest Deceast feel it our privledg to petition against Mr. Hendleson Our Brother in Law as Being administrator of the Said Estate as we Believe he is the gratest Enemy we have in this world and we do not Believe he Should be intrusted with Bisnefs of So much importance, as we Do not Believe he will do us Justice if he Can help it, we would not wish to be Contrary, But feel it our privelidge to contend four our right. We are two lone Girles and Do pray you to consider our case and do for us waht you think iw wright, we do not see why he should Bee apineted and we Left out of the question. Mr. Hedleson did relinquish right to Mr. Miller, and Mr. Hatton is our choice and we hear with send you our Designation and pray you to act on it if you can, and if you Cannot we will administer our selves provided our friend Mr. Hatton can be aponted with us yours Respectfuly

Nancy Forrest

Melinda Forrest

Ervin C. Hackaday J. B.

Recieved of Thomas Hatton Administrator of the Estate of Grisam Forrest Decast Fifty Dollars as the Sum due Young G Forrest By his Father last will

August 4th 1829

Nancy Forrest

Malinda Forrest

DAVISON GENEALOGY

Early in the sixteenth century (about 1520), the clan McDarmid/McDavid was prominent in the Highlands of Scotland and, in the year 1560, some of the descendants of this clan settled in the County of Dingwell. One of these settlers was Nicholas, son of Malcolm of Dingwell. Nicholas, born about1580, upon reaching manhood, found his way to Lynn, England where he married. One son, Nicholas Davison, born 1611 was the emigrant who came to America about 1630.

The author of this book, for more than ten years, collected Davison family records, both primary and secondary, trying to identify the emigrant ancestor of Pearl Davison whose grandfather, Henry Davison, came to Missouri during Civil War days. The 1880 Census of Nodaway County, Missouri listed Henry with his wife and children. Henry was a forty-three year old farmer, born in Michigan. The 1850 Census of Lenawee County, Michigan listed a Lyman Davidson with a thirteen year old son, Henry. Lyman was a carpenter whose birthplace was Vermont. As luck would have it, the early birth records for the State of Vermont had been compiled on index cards, and there it was! DAVISON, Lyman born September 10, 1807, son of Daniel and Martha of Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont.

Daniel's name was found in a History of Bennington County. One of the earliest settlers of Readsboro, he had come to Vermont from Conway, Massachusetts in 1785. After it was learned that the emigrant of this Davison line could probably be found in Massachusetts, the search narrowed some what. Many, many Davisons were found in the records of that state. Several Daniels were found in Essex County but the information published by early day biographers was conflicting. It became apparent that there were two Daniel Davisons living within ten miles of each other, each had sons of the same name. It was not until a book compiled by Arthur H. Davison, **History and Genealogy of the Davison, Davisson, Davidson Families** (1935) was located in the Iowa State Historical Library, Des Moines Iowa that our line could be traced back to Nicholas Davison, the emigrant who came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 1630's.[1]

These records of more than a thousand pages with extensive documentation compiled by Mr. Davison are divided into two parts. Part One is devoted to the descendants of Daniel Davison of Ipswich, Massachusetts, emigrant of A. H. Davison. Part Two is an account of our ancestor, Nicholas Davison, who came from England to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. There is also some information on English Records and a few other Davison lines found during his many years of research. Most of the information tracing the first six generations of the ancestors of Pearl (Davision) Yeisley, including footnotes, was taken from this book. Many of the Vital Records--birth, marriages and deaths--were checked out on the original records of the various counties in which they were deposited.

So far as this author has been able to determine, this is the only copy of the book in existence. A copy on microfilm (#1,017,129: 4th item of the film) can be found in the Salt Lake Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.[1]

The account of Daniel Davison who came to Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts in 1651 will be given here to clarify some of the confusion caused by early day historians when they erroneously said that this Daniel Davison removed to Newbury at an early date.

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[1]This book, on film, can be borrowed through any of the LDS Church's 200 branch libraries in the United States.

THE NEW ENGLAND DAVISONS

First Generation

NICHOLAS DAVISON (1611-1664) - JOANNA MILLER (16xx-16xx)

Two Davison men, Nicholas and Daniel, progenitors of many, many of the Davison lines in America, came early to Massachusetts. Nicholas, the emigrant of our line, was born in England in 1611. He was living in Norwich, County of Norfolk, England when he decided to come to America about 1638 as an agent for Governor Matthew Craddock, a London Merchant. He settled in Charlestown, just across the river from Boston in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Daniel Davison, the other emigrant of a parallel line, was born in Scotland in 1630. He was exiled to the Bay Colony as a prisoner of war because he had been a soldier in the Covenanter Army of his native Scotland. In 1651, he settled at Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts.

Much conflicting information concerning these two Davision emigrants has been given by New England historians, family biographers, newspaper genealogists and many lesser genealogists who accept what they read, assuming that, if it is in print, it must be true. Far too few family historians show documentation for the material they compile, especially on families removed from the present by five or six generations. Quite often, family members accept names, dates and family traditions furnished by elderly relatives whose memories may not be as sharp as they once were. Of course, we all collect whatever we can find in public records, family histories and personal interviews. Then, we evaluate the material to the best of our ability and compile our own records. If we delayed publication of our family history until each name, his date of birth, marriage and death were documented, few family histories would be published.

The father of Nicholas was Nicholas Sr. who was living in England in the early 1600's. He was serving as church warden at St. Stevens, Norwich, England, when three of his children were baptized there--Elizabeth, in January 1615; Jeremy, April 1, 1616 and John on January 5, 1618. The fact that the eldest son, Nicholas, Jr. was not baptized in this church indicates that the parents were not living in this parish when he was born. His baptism might be found if the Parish records of Lynn, England were thoroughly searched. If not Lynn, perhaps a small parish nearby.

The exact date of Nicholas Davison's arrival in the Massachusetts Bay Colony has not been recorded. An affidavit fixed the date of his presence there as 1638. Some say that he came to the Colony as early as 1636 as a representative of Governer Craddock who was unhappy because of the irregular practices of his current representative, Thomas Mayhew. Governor Craddock had, besides other holdings, a plantation on the north side of the Mystic River which contained about 2500 acres. This plantation was referred to as "Medford's farm", "Farm at Mystic" or "Craddock's farm."

Nicholas was a bright, active, able young man in his middle twenties when he arrived in New England. One of his most important assignments for Governor Craddock was to effect a settlement with Thomas Mayhew and remove him as Craddock's representative. Nicholas negotiated some land transfers and trades between Craddock and Mayhew who then stepped aside to take care of his own interests.

During the early years in the Colony, Nicholas lived at Medford House and managed Craddock's plantation and his other interests in the area. In the meantime, Nicholas began to acquire property of his own. A number of transactions are recorded in deeds of Suffolk County for land in the Boston area. His name appeared a number of times in the Court Records, sometimes in the purchase of tracts of land outside the Boston area, sometimes as the representative of English men who had interests in the Colony. He was one of three umpires appointed in 1653 to settle "The Iron Works Case," an important one filed in the courts of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts. When the Charlestown commons was divided, he received several parcels, some pasture and some woodlands. Even though his principal occupation was

that of Merchant, he was becoming a large land-holder. One reference to Nicholas Davison in the Suffold Deeds, Liber I, pages 90 and 91 said:

Barbados 10 March 1651

At thirty dajes after the Arivall of the ship Increase at her Port of discharge in New England pay vnto Nico Davison of charles Town mchant or his order in goods and jonje according to the tjme & spetia exprest in charte^{r} partje for ou^{r} mojtje of monthly pay due for the hire of shipp and Companje the vallew of one hundred and eightje pounds sterling at the tjme make good pajment & chargeit to our accompt pajable in England according to Agreement so god keep you. you^{r} Assured lo. friends

Subscribes *Tho middleton*
to m^{r} Henry Shrimpton *Robert Arundell*
& m^{r} John Harwood m'chts

(after other endorsements.....)

£ s p
I say in full the same of 180-00-00
p me Nicholas Davison

Entered and Recorded at the Request of John Harwood and acknowledgment of Nicholas Davison this 21 May 1652.

After the death of Matthew Craddock, Nicholas represented the widow in the management of her property in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

The marriage date of Nicholas to Joanna Miller[3] was not found in the records, but it must have been about 1647/48. Two children were born to them in Charlestown: 1) Sarah, born December 31, 1647 and 2) Daniel born January 9, 1650/51. Both children grew up in Charlestown. Nicholas was an active participant in the military defense of the Colony. From the Middlesex County Court Records, we find, "Mr. Nicholas Davison presented to the Court by the Troopers of the county and elected and chosen to be the Coronett of the Troops."

The Register of the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Dames of America lists: "Davison, Nicholas (abt 1611-1664) Charlestown, Mass. Cronet of Middlesex County Troop of Hourse 1662."[4]

In 1655, while planning a business trip to Barbados and on to England, Nicholas wrote his will. He was forty-five years old at that time. The trip was made without incident and he returned aboard the ship **Speedwell** and took up his former duties as merchant and land owner. He began to expand his holdings. He became part owner of what was known as Thompson Island in the Bay of Boston; he became part owner of a ship; he acquired an interest in the 12,000 acre Pemaquid Patent (area now called Bristol) and eventually became sole owner. He also acquired an interest in the Adworth-Elbridge patent--an extensive area in Maine. In his will, Nicholas listed one item of his property as, "2100 acres of land in Windsor, Conn."[4]

Apparently, he was at Pemaquid when he died in 1664 because his grave was located near the entrance to the harbor on the larboard side going in. It was marked for a long time with a monument of stones. Whether he died because of an accident, sudden illness or was killed defending his ownership

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[2]Land held in common by the earliest settlers, to be divided at a later date.

[3]Not Joanna Hodges as some New England historians reported. Joanna had a sister, Mary who married a John Hodges, and, after his death, she married John Anderson, a Charlestown ship-wright. In his will, Nicholas mentioned "Mary Hodges, my sister-in-law."

[4]For a more extensive discussion and references to these holdings, see: Arthur H. Davison's **History and Genealogy of the Davison Family** pp. 846-849.

rights has not been determined. No record of his death was found in the Charlestown Church Records but his wife, Joanna was a member there and had been since the date she was admitted in 1652.

By the terms of the will, his wife, "Joan" was to be Sole Executrix. One interesting request in the will was "that one fourth part of the wholl; clear estate, be given to the Town of Charlestown aforesaid, to be put our by the Townsmen, then being, at an annuall rent; forever, for ye maintenance, (Soe fare as it will reach more or less) of poore mens children of the Same Towne--especially fatherless children, to school."

After Nicholas returned from England, he continued to acquire property but failed to update his will, thereby causing difficulties in the disposition of his extensive holdings after his death. An old law then in existence said that, "a man cannot convey by will, real estate not possessed by him at the time of making the will."

Joanna seems to have had a difficult time coping with the problems thrust upon her by the untimely death of her husband. These quotes are from the records of the First Church of Charleston:

14 (1) 1652 Joanna Davision admitted
15 Jan 1670 Mrs. Joanna Davison was censured with public admonition for her scandelous drunkennesse
20 Dec., 1674, voted by the Brethren, that Mrs. Joanna Davison (who in writing and by word of mouth declared her repentance for her sin of drunkness, for her incorrigible...Whin she had been formerly excommunciated should be restored in that communion in the ordinances of it with this church and wch she had formerly enjoyed.

Shortly thereafter, on January 6, 1675, Joanna married Richard Kent, Jr., of Newbury Mass. He died November 25, 1689; she died October 30, 1699 at Newbury.

John Farmer, a New England biographer, writing about the Daniel of Ipswich said, "Daniel Davison moved to Newbury where he was a man of note, and a Major of the Essex Regiment and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company." This Daniel, a son of Nicholas, was born in Charleston in 1651, married Abigail Coffin and later moved to Newbury, a short distance from Ipswich. James Savage, another New England biographer, said, "DAVISON, Daniel, Ipswich, prob. s. of Nicholas, removed to Newbury."

George H. Mackenzie, author of **Colonial Families of the United States, Vol. III, p. 144 lists:** "Nicholas Davison, b. 1611, d. 1680,[2] to America 1630, near Charleston, Mass: an agent of Gov. Craddock; was Cornet of the Middlesex County Troop; went to Barbados and England, 1655, returning in the 'Speeedwell' in 1656, m. 1st in Charlestown, Mass., Joan Hodges, m. 2) Jan 6, 1674 Ann Kent, d/o Richard Kent, Jr. of Newbury, Mass." Nicholas' wife was Joanna Miller who, after the death of her husband in 1664, married Richard Kent, Jr.. Mr. Mackenzie then listed the children of Nicholas as, Sarah, and Daniel. Sarah married Joseph Lynde at Charlestown, Mass, but when he gave information about Daniel, he said: DANIEL DAVISON, of Charlestown, Mass. b. April 8, 1639, m. April 8, 1657 at Ipswich, Mass. Margaret Low d/o Thomas and Margaret Low, had ch: I. John b. 1647, d. Nov 22, 1657; II. Margaret, b. Sep. 24, 1658; III. Sarah, b. March 30, 1660, prob. m._____Safford; IV. Daniel, m. June 28, 1685, Sarah Dodge; V. William m. abt. 1692, Mary; VI. Peter, b. 1670; VII. Thomas, d. 12/2/1724 or Oct, 1, 1699, m. Nov. 18, 1695, Hannah Tracy; VIII. John, d. Nov 1735; IX. Bridget; X. Dorcas," These are the children of Daniel of Ipswich, not Daniel of Newbury who was the son of Nicholas.

Compare this list with the Family Group Sheet for Nicholas Davison, page 165 and that for (Maj.) Daniel Davison, son of the above Nicholas, page 171. It soon becomes apparent that the Daniel in Mackensie's list (the one who married Margaret Low/Lowe) was not the son of Nicholas; he was the emigrant, Daniel Davison, who settled at Ipswich in 1651. Many of his descendants can be found in the Church Records of Wenham, just south of Ipswich. Another error: Nicholas Davison had only one wife, Joanna Miller, He died in 1664, ten years before the marriage of Daniel Davison to Ann Kent of Newbury.

Even some of the applicants for membership in the DAR made the same mistake in the information given on their applications. To cite one: Applicant #113,935 said, "...apply for membership in the society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Daniel Davison who was born in Nova Scotia on the ___day of ___, 1773 and died in Craftsbury, Vermont on the 6 day of June, 1828. His place of residence during the Revolution was Conway, Mass."

Daniel Davison of Ipswich and his wife, Margaret Low (Lowe) had a son, Peter, whose son, Joseph, with two others, bought 1200 arces of land at Promfret Landing, Connecticut. Some of the members of this family moved on to Nova Scotia and, I assume, did have a son, Daniel, who was born there.

This confusion in the records extended down through the years to the 4th and 5th generations until the research of Arthur H. Davison and his extensive documentation of the two unrelated lines sorted out the descendants of each. He said, "It is difficult to avoid errors in genealogical records, but this case has been carried ad absurdum..." The compiler of this work advised at that time, that he had traced and proven the two men different individuals.

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[2]Nicholas Davison died 1664.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Nicholas Davison
Born 1611 England to Charleston, Massachusetts c. 1638
Married
Died Jul 1664 Middlesix County, Massachusetts
Buried Will 26 Mar 1655; Rrobate 11 Jul 1664
Husband's Father Nicholas Davison Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Joanna Miller
Born
Died 30 Oct 1699 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts (Town Record)
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands 2) 6 Jan 1675 Richard Kent, Jr. of Newbury

Children:

1. Sarah Davison
   b. 31 Dec 1647 Charlestown, Massachusetts Bay Colony
   m. 24 Mar 1665 Joseph Lynde, son of Thomas Lynde and Margaret Jordan
   d. 13 Dec 1678 of smallpox

** 2. Daniel Davison
   b. 9 Jan 1650/1 Charlestown, Massachusetts Bay Colony
   m. 16 Dec 1673 Abigail Coffin, daughter of Peter Coffin and Abigail Starbuck
   d. 18 Jan 1717/8 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts

Source of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935

"A LYST OF THE PASINGERS ABORD THE SPEEDWELL OF LONDON, ROBERT LOCK MASTER, BOUND FOR NEW ENGLAND.

[The original, of which the following is a copy, is in possession of the Editor.]

Richard Stratton,	aged		Shudrack Hopgood,	aged	14
John Mulfoot,	"		Thomas Goodynough,	"	20
Richard Smith,	"	43	Nathaniel Goodinough,	"	16
Francis Brinsley,	"	22	John Fay,	"	8
Thomas Noyce,	"	32	William Tayler,	"	11
Mathew Edwards,	"		Richard Smith,	"	28
Joseph Boules,	"	47	Muhuhulett Munnings,	"	24
William Brand, (Q) *	"	40	Margarett Mott,	"	12
John Copeland, (Q)	"	28	Henry Recue,	"	8
Christopher Holder, (Q)	"	25	Henery Seker,	"	8
Thomas Thurston, (Q)	"	34	John Morse,	"	40
Mary Prince, (Q)	"	21	Nickolus Dauison,	"	45
Sarah Gibbons, (Q)	"	21	John Baldwin,	"	21
Mary Weatherhead, (Q)	"	26	Mary Baldwin,	"	20
Dorothy Waugh, (Q)	"	20	Rebeca Worster,	"	18
Lester Smith,	"	24	John Wigins,	"	15
Christopher Clarke,	"	38	John Miller,	"	24
Edward Lane,	"	36	Thomas Home,	"	11
Tho: Richardson	"	19	John Crane,	"	11
John Earle,	"	17	Charels Baalam,	"	18
Thomas Barnes,	"	20			

"The persons aboue named past from hence [in] the shipp aboue mentioned, and are, according to order, registred heare. Dated, Searchers office, Grauesend, 30th May, 1656.

EDWARD PELLING, JOHN PHILPOTT, } *Searchers.*

"Theese were Landed at Boston in N. E. the 27th of the 6th moneth, 1656. J. E."

* The eight names against which is the letter Q had a Q set opposite to them in the margin of the original paper, denoting, as is supposed, that the individuals were Quakers. It is said in Sewall's History of the Quakers that there arrived at Boston two other Quakers in July of this year, namely, Mary Fisher and Ann Austin, who were very ill treated on their arrival, by Gov. Bellingham, though there was yet no law against Quakers.

WILL OF NICHOLAS DAVISON (1611-1664)
(Official Copy)
Charlestowne the 26th of March 1655:

In the name of God, amen; These presents are to certifie, and declare to all whom soe ever it may concerne, That I Nocholas Davison of Charlestowne in New England marchant; (this word is erroneously printed "Mariner" in Mass. Colonial Soc. Pubs., vol. VI, 38) being now bound to Sea in the Shipp Tradsencrease (Christopher Clarke Master) to the Island of Barbados, and from thence; to England, Ireland, or any other port, or place, or hether to New England againe, The Lord in whose hands all, is permitting mee; And not knoweing, how the Lord in his alguiding wide providence, may dispose of mee, to life or deadth, in this voyadges; and undertaking, In whose hands my life and all I have is, and if it shall be, his good good pleasure to dispose of me to deadth of my bodye; I implore, his grace, out of his Infinite mercy in Christ Jesus, to receive my Soule, into glory with him Selfe; And for my Temporall estate, This I declare to be my Will and Testament; that a true Valuation be taken, thereof, by men appointed, to prize the Same; and that my debts, be in the first place pd out of the estate Soe Valued and the remaindr; I bequeath, as Followeth: one third part thereof, to my loveing wife Joan Davison; one third part to my Sone Daniell Davison, and the other third part to my Daughter Sara Davison; and in case my Sd Wife Should dye, before, this be of force; then my will is that hir Third part Shall be given; and equally divided, to my Sonne & daughter abovesd; Alsoe my will is that my abovesd Wife, Shall have, the keeping, and disposing of my Cleare estate; and my Children, while Shee live, or till they come of age; and that my Sone be kept to Schoole, till hee is thirteene or fourteene years of age; and longer if then hee require it (if means can be had of what remaine after my debts be payd as above sayd) but if he will not Follow his Studdy longr than fourteene years abovesd, Then to Bind, him out Apprentise, for Seaven yeares to Some good honest godly man, of Some good Trade; as may Seeme best to my Sd Sone; if tractable, and willing; or else in Judgement of those that Shall then have; the over-Sight of him, shall thinke best & most Sutable to him and in case either of my Children dye before they come of age; then the other, that survive to have, the desceaseds part; wch it was to have, had it lived; and if my estate as above-sd Fall either to my Sone or daughter; and that my Sayd Sone, or daughter Should dye before they come of age; (and in case my Wife Should be dead,) then my will is that one third of my sd estate be given unto my Brother John Davison; tho; at prsent I know not, where hee is, but if canot be heard of, or dead; then I give that third unto; my Sister Law, Mary Hodges alys Anderson, wife to John Anderson; and to my nephews; Em Rash and Joan Rash; to be equally divided betweene them; and the rest of my estate, to be divided, the one halfe unto the Children, of my Brother law Jolm Anderson, equally between them; and the other halfe, to the children of my Brother Jeremy Davison decesaed; who, was marryed & lived in Linn; in England; and if the Lord Should Soe order it that it Should

(I meane my estate,) not, by reason of deadth be injoyed, by my wife and Children; but goe to my next kindred as, above exprest; then before it be divided amongst them; I desire and my will is, that one fourth part of the wholl; cleare estate, be given to The Towne of Charlestowne, aforesd to be put out by the Townsemen, then being, at an anuall rent; for ever, for ye maintainance, (Soe fare as it will reach more or lesse,) of poore mens children of the Same Towne especially fatherlesse Children; to Schoole; And I doe by these prsents Constitute, and, appoint my loveing Wife, aforesd Joan Davison, my True lawfull and Sole, Executrix; and she to nominate for hir assistance, in the prmiscs whom shee please; In Witness of the truth I have hereunto Sett my hand, and Seale, the day and yeare above written. Written with my owne hand;

Signed sealed and delivered
as my last will & Testament
in the prsence of us--
my: in ye margent; of; wife;
in the Same line, was interlined,
before the Signing & Sealing
hereof

John Manning

Christopher Clarke

for me Nicholas Davison
(Seal) 11.5.64. Attested
on oath by Jno. Dudley,
that Hee saw mr Nicholas
Davison now deced. signe,
& scale, this instrument
as his last will & testamt.
and that Hee subscribed
his name as a witness
thereto.

Before Mr Francis Willoughby
& Thomas Danforth. Recordr.

John Dudley

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
Middlesex, ss. Registry of Probate)

A true copy
Attest, N. H. Philbrick Asst. Register.

The above will is printed in vol. VI, p. 28, Mass. Colonial Society publications.

DANIEL DAVISON (1650/51-1717/18) - ABIGAIL COFFIN (1651-1734)

(Major) Daniel, only son of Nicholas and Joanna (Miller) Davison, was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts Bay Colony, January 9, 1650/51. He was in his early twenties when he became a member of the Ancient Artillery Company in 1672. This was the same company in which his father, Nicholas, had been an officer. Daniel served as Commissary at Marlboro, Massachusetts during King Philip's War 1675/76.[1]

The father of King Philip was Massasoit, chief sachem of the Wampanoags, who had been helpful and friendly to the planters when they settled at Plymouth. Massasoit died in 1640 leaving two sons, Wamoutta and Metacon, whose christianized names became Alexander and Philip. Alexander died at Plymouth where the had been summoned to defend himself against the charge of plotting mischief with the Narragensetts. Thinking his brother had been poisoned while in custody of the English, Philip, who then became chief of the tribe, became the scheming enemy of the English. Philip was a very intelligent, perceptive young man who did not share his father's acceptance of the English on their shores. After several rumors and denials, it became evident that a general Indian uprising was being planned.

The General Council passed an Act, February 21, 1675/6 which read:

> *Upon consideration of many skulking Indians about our plantations doing much mischeif & damage, & that a probable way for their suprizall in by scouting in small parties, for encouragement thereof, this Court doeth order that every person or pursons that shall surprioze, slay, or bring in a prisoner any such Indian on the south side of Piscataqua Riuer, he or they shall be allowed three pounds per head, or the prisoners so taken, making it appear to the comittee or Militia of that toune to wch they are brought.*[2]

Friendly relationships with the Indians deteriorated. Even the christianized Indians were suspect, and many of them were terrorized by renegade whites. Sausamon, a christianized Indian, revealed to Governor Winthrop a plot of Philip's to destroy the white man. Philip proclaimed his innocence but a few days later, Sausamon was murdered by three Wampanoags, warriers in Philip's tribe. The Wampanoags were tried, found guilty in the white man's court and put to death.

At this time, the English and Indians in New England were about equal in number, probably 5,000 each. The English had guns and ammunition; the Indians were not allowd guns or powder by order of the General Court. Hostile Indians had to rely on their cunning, their superior knowledge of the territory and attacks on isolated, unprotected areas, plus what arms they could steal from the English.

King Philip's War lasted two years. Indian war parties spread over the country and, before the war was over, twelve towns had been destroyed and more than forty others had been partially burned. King Philip was killed in 1676. Other chiefs were also killed; the Indians, without leaders, scattereed, some going west beyond the Hudson River.

Daniel Davison's marriage to Abigail Coffin took place in Charlestown on December 16, 1673. Abigail was the daughter of the Hon. Peter Coffin and his wife, Abigail Starbuck. She was born Oct. 20, 1657. Her father, Peter, was born in England in 1630. After coming to America, he lived for a time at

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[1]Blodges, **Soldiers of King Philip's War** pp. 211, 217.

[2]Rev. Wilson Waters, **History of Chelmsford, Massachusetts** pp. 84, 85.

Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts near Ipswich. He later moved to New Hampshire. He was a prominent man in the area in which he lived. He served, at different times, as Chief Justice and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. Edward Starbuck, his wife's father, lived at Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire.

The Register of Massachusetts Society of Colonial Dames gave this information about Peter Coffin:

Coffin, Peter (1630-1715). Dover and Exeter, N.H.
Deputy to the Massachusetts General Court for Dover, 1672, 1673 1679; Councilor for the Providence of New Hampshire, 1692-1712; Assistant Justice of the Court of Pleas, 1684; Assistant Justice 1699-1714 and Chief Justice 1697 of the Superior Court; Lieutenant of Dover Company by 1672, and Captain of Exeter Company by 1692.

also this about the father of Peter:

Coffin, Tristam (I) (1610-1681). Salisbury, Mass. and Nantucket, N.Y.
Chief Magistrate of Nantucket, with governing powers (1671-1673, 1677-1680)

Daniel and Abigail were the parents of seven children. The eldest, Abigail, was born September 1675, baptized at Charlestown First Church December 13, 1675; Joanna, baptized February 28, 1677 either in Charlestown or Newbury. About 1675, Daniel took his family to Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts where he became active in town affairs. He served as Sheriff; was a member of the General Court 1697, 1698 and 1701; he served on the Committee as address to the King; on the Committee to give instructions to their newly appointed agent, Walt Winthrop 1692 who was to "negotiate their affairs in England"; January 5, 1680/81, he was granted the right to build a wharf. The land deeded in 1696 was known as the "Peter Coffin Lot" which contained a little over four acres; he was recommended for a commission as Captain of Horse for Newbury and Rowley.

Five of Daniel and Abigail's children were born in Newbury and were listed in the Newbury Vital Records: 1) Nicholas, born May 1680; 2) Sarah, born February 1, 1681/82; 3) Daniel, born May 23, 1686 4) Mary, born May 21, 1689 and 5) Peter, born October 20, 1692. Neither Daniel nor Peter were named in their father's will. Arthur H. Davison said, "The failure to discover any record of either Daniel or Peter, sons of Major Daniel, later than childhood, despite the absence of records of death, while not conclusive, gives substantial support to the conclusion that both died in childhood or youth."

In a letter to Governor Andras, dated April 1689, Daniel Davison wrote:

Sr. The great cry among the people is concerning the Sick and weak souldiers to the Eastward wch if your excelency would be pleased to permit to come home would be a great Obligation to them tho others were sent there, if your excelecy Se cause for it and if your excelency would be pleased to Signifie to me that if ther be Occasion you will order Garrisions in our towns hereabouts, it may be a great means to Quiet thease tumults Pray Sr Pardon my Bouldnesse in making you acquainted with theas things for I doe affirme I doe only therin Seek you Excelencys Honor and easteame wch I prize far aboue any thing elce and shall wth my utmost Maintaine and am

Your Excelencys unfeigned Sert
D. Davison

During the next twenty seven years of his life, Daniel continued to live in Newbury. He was listed a number of times in the Court Records of Essex County: 1688, Maj. D. Davison was chosen one of the Selectmen for the town of Newbury: 1696, land at Newbury sold to Daniel Davison: Robert Mason recommended that Daniel Davison be commissioned to be Captain of Horse for the town of Newbury and Rowley: 1703/4 one of those chosen to divide lands on bank of Merrimack River, etc.

Major Daniel Davison died January 18, 1717 in his 67th year. He is listed in the Newbury, Massachusetts Death Records. His wife Abigail died seventeen years later.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND (Major) Daniel Davison
Born 9 Jan 1650/1 Charleston, Middlesex, Massachusetts
Married 16 Dec 1673 Charleston, Middlesex, Massachusetts
Died 18 Jan 1717 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts
Buried
Husband's Father Nicholas Davison Mother Joanna Miller
Husband's other wives

WIFE Abigail Coffin
Born 20 Oct 1657
Died 9 Jul 1734 Boston Suffolk
Buried
Wife's Father Peter Coffin Mother Abigail Starbuck
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Abigail Davison
   b. Sep 1675 bp. at Charleston First Church 13 Dec 1675
   m. 14 Aug 1718 Zachariah Fitch (7 children)

2. Joanna Davison
   bp. 29 Feb 1677
   b.
   m. Nov 1693 Capt. John Lane at Newbury

** 3. (Capt.) Nicholas Davison
   b. 16 May 1680 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts Birth Records
   m. c1714 Anne
   d.

4. Sarah Davison
   b. 1 Feb 1681/2 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts
   m. Jul 1708 Stephen Dudley

5. Daniel Davison
   b. 23 May 1686
   d. Not mentioned in father's Will. No further record.

6. Mary Davison
   b. 21 May 1689 Newbury Birth Records
   m. 22 Apr 1710 Jacob Sheafe, son of Sampson and Mehitable Sheafe

7. Peter Davison
   b. 20 Oct 1692 Newbury Birth Records
   d. Not mentioned in father's Will. No further record.

Source of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF MAJ. DANIEL DAVISON
OF NEWBURY, MASS.

(Essex Probate records, Salem.) Dated: 18 Jan., 1717

Being very sick and weak of body, &c., "& knowing It is appointed for all men once to dye";
Give my wife Abigaile Davison &c: that is to say my three daughters Sarah, Mary & Abigaile & my grand son Daniel Davison an equal share of my homestead, . .& Land yt was formerly mortgaged to Father Mr Peter Coffin.
Item I Give to my son Nicholas Davison one hundred acres of land (Connecticut) . . . he having receivd formerly considerable toward his portion;
Item I Give to my daughter Johanna Lane one hundred acres of land in Connecticott . . . she having receivd formerly considerable toward her portion:

I appoint my loving wife Abigaile Davison my sole executrix . . . that is to say Sarah Dudly Mary Sheafe & Abigaile Davison and my Grandson Danl Davison all my Estate reall and personall & wh ever It is or may be found my wife to enjoy same during her naturall Life the paying all my just and lawful debts & legacies & doe hereby make void and revoke all former wills & do constitute ordaine & confirme this my last will & testament as witness my hand. Daniel Davison (Seal)

Signed scaled and declared &c
Jonathan Woodman
John Toppan
William Noyes

Probated before
John Appleton
18 Jan., 1717

Maj. Daniel Davison, Newbury, Inventory

The homestead containing about 5 acres & building	700 £	
To the . . . Noyes	120 £	
Right in commons & Right great wood lot	100 £	
River Lott & land next Capt. Greenleafs	15 £	
Land & meadow att Salisbury . . .	120 £	
To about 100 acres joined by Phillip . . .	150 £	
To Mills & privileges at Salisbury & Almsbury	300 £	
To piece of land at Salisbury . . . Jones	50 £	
To 2/3 of 500 acres att Nashaway	100 £	
To several parcels of land, Conecticot	500 £	
Total Reall	2355	
To Wareing clothes, arms & Books	50 £	
To 8 caine chairs ye . . .	10 £	
Two tables, pork . . . three looking glasses	13 £	
To . . . & table 8 Case of Drawers 3	11 £	
To 2 Doz chairs 3 10s: Droping Box 6	9 £	10 s.
2 Large feather beds & furniture	40 £	
Small bed & furniture 16 Desk trunk Tools 12	28 £	
To Jack and irons pots & Iron ware	10 £	
To brass Andirons kettles Candlestick & Kittles	15 £	
To pewter, tin & Earthen ware	10 £	
Sheets pillow beers & table linen	16 £	
Horse & cow 15 wooden ware	17 £	

(Capt) NICHOLAS DAVISON (1680-17xx) - ANNE (1688-1731)

Nicholas Davison, born at Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts May 16, 1680, was the eldest son of Major Daniel Davison and his wife, Abigail Coffin.

Very little could be found about this Nicholas in the records. His principal occupation seems to be that of a military man. He resided in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. New Hampshire records searched by Arthur H. Davison indicate that Nicholas was in the Military by the time he was twenty or before.

Port Royal, one of the oldest cities in North America was founded on the coast of Nova Scotia about 1605 by the French explorers, Champlain and De Monts. The French called the area Arcadia. In 1613, the Colony was captured and burned by English raiders from Virginia. For more than a hundred years, the French and English battled, off and on, for control of Arcadia. Port Royal was the Capital of Nova Scotia, Canada until 1710 when the English re-captured the town and changed its name to Annapolos Royal.

Captain Nicholas Davison participated in the capture of Port Royal on October 5, 1710. A description of this battle can be found in Rev. Samuel Niles' account given in the **Massachusetts Historial Collections**, Vol. V. Fourth Series p. 322."....and on Oct. 5, the Fort was delivered up. Upon which, Abbercrombie with two hundred men, five Captains and eight Subaltrans, were ordered to take possession there of." "Cap't. Nicholas Davison marched first, at the head of fifty grenadiers; Major Abbercrombie, Captain Mascareen, Captain Bartlett, Captain Adams and Captain Lyon followed, in their order and proper stations.

The requirements for war at that period given in the New Hampshire Prov. Papers, Vol. III, p. 376, May 12, 1709 said, "A Memorial of what is forthwith necessary for the present Expidition to Canada, which nothing but ready money will purchase,--Viz,--

1. Forty four barrels of pork, repackt and cut up in mess pieces
2. One thousand weight of bread
3. Three Hhds, of Rumm in room of beer for soldiers
4. Wine, sugar and spices for the officers and sick men, twelve pounds
5. Forty bushels of peas.
6. Four barrels of flower.
7. Eighty weight of candles
8. Kettles, Bowls, Platters, Plank, Boards, Nails, Spikes, & c. for store rooms and partitions.
9. Two vessels, quantity one hundred and fifty tons

Also in the New Hampshire Provincial Papers:[1] "At a Council and General Assembly held at Portsmouth, 12 May, 1710 'The petition of Nicholas Davison was read at this Board (relating to his being wounded in the service); recommended to the House of Representatives.'" Another entry, Item, 138: "Capt. Davison allowed for medicines, & c. £6:0:0, and for smart money £6:0:0. On page 450 of the Council's proceedings was this entry, "At a Council held 20 Oct., 1710, the following memorial was read at this Board, viz.--To the Honorable Board and Council, That whereas I was under the service of this Province of New Hampshire, in the office of Capt. Lieut., under the command of Colonel Shadrack

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[1]New Hampshire Provincial Papers Vol. III, p. 421

Walton, and was allowed but three pounds per month; which I pray your Excellency and Honorable Council will be pleased to allow what was allowed others in other provinces, in such a part, viz., four pounds 10 shillings per month--and shall ever pray &c.,

23 Oct. 1710 Nics Davison"

Read in Council and ordered to the same pay as the Massachusetts pays a Capt. Lieut. under a Lt. Colonel

Chas. Story, Secretary

The children of Nicholas and Anne were: 1) Mary born ?, died 1709; 2) Elizabeth, baptized October 10, 1710; 3) Daniel, baptized April 19, 1713; 4) Ann, baptized July 8, 1716; 5) Nicholas, baptized Jul 8, 1716; 6) Susanna, baptized (as an adult) March 15, 1741/2; 7) Lucy.

Date and place of death and burial of Capt. Nicholas Davison was not found. His wife, Anne, died July 6, 1731 in her 43rd year. Her death is listed in the Vital Records of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts which makes her birthdate 1688. Her tombstone at Newburyport, Massachusetts gave us her age as 43.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND (Capt.) Nicholas Davison
Born 16 May 1680 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts
Married
Died
Buried
Husband's Father (Maj.) Daniel Davison Mother Abigail Coffin
Husband's other wives

WIFE Anne (Maiden name unknown)
Born 1688
Died 6 Jul 1731 In her 43rd yr., Newbury, Essex County, MA V. R.
Buried Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Order uncertain)

1. Elizabeth Davison
   bp. 15 Oct 1710
   m. 26 Jun 1728 Capt. Robert Ball @ Charleston

** 2. Daniel Davison
   bp. 19 Apr 1713 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts
   m. 27 Dec 1733 Margaret Oglesby, daughter of Patrick and Margaret

3. Mary Davison
   bp. 8 Jul 1716 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts (Court Records)
   d.

4. Ann Davison
   bp. 8 Jul 1716 at Queen Ann's Chapel Newbury, Essex County, MA
   m. 1736 John Goddwin

5. Nicholas Davison
   bp. 8 Jul 1716 at Queen Ann's Chapel Newbury, Essex County, MA

6. Susanna Davison
   bp. 15 Mar 1741-2 (as an adult) (no other record

7. Lucy
   no other information

Source of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935

DANIEL DAVISON (c1713-1752) - MARGARET OGLESBY (1715-17xx)

Daniel Davison, son of Capt. Nicholas and Anne Davison, was baptized April 19, 1713 at Newbury in Essex County, Massachusetts. The date and place of his birth was not given; neither was his age when he was baptized.

He was living in Boston when, on December 17, 1733, he married Margaret Oglesby, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Oglesby. Their daughter, Margaret, was born October 18, 1735 in Boston, County of Suffolk, Massachusetts.

Daniel was by occupation, a leather dresser. He and Margaret lived in Boston where their seven children were born; 1) Margaret, baptized July 29, 1735; 2) Daniel, born c1738; 3) Margaret (Martha?) baptized 1741; 4) Henry, born August 12, 1744; 5) Ann, baptized January 8, 1748/9; 6) Mary, born December 23, 1750, died young; 7) Mary, born November 26, 1752.

In 1752, Daniel contracted small pox and, while the date of his death was not found, it is assumed that he died that year. When her husband died, Margaret was left with at least four children, the youngest of which was a tiny baby--unless the child was born after her father's death.

Three years later, September 11, 1755, Margaret was married to Oliver Wiswall of Boston. By him she had two sons, 1) Oliver, born 1756 and Thomas,born the following year.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Daniel Davison, Leather Dresser, Boston, Massachusetts
Born bp. 19 Apr 1713 Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts
Married 17 Dec 1733 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
Died c1752 (on Boston list of persons sick with smallpox)
Buried
Husband's Father Capt. Nicholas Daviison Mother Anne
Husband's other wives

WIFE Margaret Oglesby
Born 18 Oct 1715 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Patrick Oglesby Mother Margaret
Wife's Other Husbands 2) Oliver Wiswall, Boston (Int.) 11 Sep 1755
by whom she had 2 children, Oliver b. 1756; Thomas b. 1757

Children:

1. Margaret Davison
   bp. 29 Jul 1735
   d. Young

** 2. Daniel Davison
   b. c1738 Probably Boston
   m. 1 May 1759 1) Abigail Sumner
   4 Jun 1767 2) Martha Harrington, daughter of David Harrington
   d. 6 Jun 1828 Craftsbury, Orleans, Vermont at age of 90

3. Margaret (Martha?) Davison
   bp. 1741
   m. Jonathan Loring

4. Henry Davison
   b. 12 Aug 1744 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
   m. 12 May 1774 Mary Greenleaf, daughter of Jonathan Greenleaf and Mary Cunningham
   d. 7 Mar 1807

5. Ann Davison
   bp. 8 Jan 1748/9 No further record

6. Mary Davison
   b. 23 Dec 1750
   d. Young

7. Mary Davison
   b. 26 Nov 1752
   m. Jonathan Houghton at Boston, Massachusetts

Source of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935

DANIEL HENRY DAVISON (c1738-1828) - MARTHA HARRINGTON (1746-1815)

Daniel Henry, son of Daniel Davison and his wife, Margaret Oglesby, was born about 1738 in Boston, Massachusetts. Daniel was about fourteen when his father died during the small pox epidemic of 1752. In August of 1755, he enlisted in the French war.[1] He served in Capt. John Frye's Company of Sutton and Mendon, Massachusetts.

On May 1, 1759, he married Abigail Sumner of Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts. They were married at Milford (same county) and the marriage was recorded in The First Congressional Church Records. Abigail was the daughter of Daniel Sumner. Her husband, Daniel Davison, must have been called to his country's service that same week because his service record showed that he served for eight months in the expedition to Crown Point on Lake Champlain in New York between May 7, 1759 and January 4, 1760. On the retrun trip to Massachusetts, his party became lost. Lewis Cass Aldrich in his book, **History of Bennington County, Vermont,** wrote a chapter on the History of the Town of Readsboro in which he said,

> *The first white persons who traversed Readsboro are supposed to have been seventy-four soldiers on their return from the expedition against Crown Point, in December 1759, who, intending to go to the fort then standing near where North Adams, Mass. is now situated, got lost, and striking to the west branch of the Deerfield River in the present town of Woodford, which they followed to the town of Charlemont, Mass., before reaching any settlement, striking the Deerfield River where the village of Readsboro now stands. At this point their provisions becoming exhausted, they made a halt, killed, roasted and ate a dog that accompanied them, and then continued their weary journey. They all reached Charlemont alive, although one of their number, Daniel Davision, who had enlisted at the early age of fifteen years, and who afterwards became a prominent citizen of Readsboro, was so exhausted and benumbed with cold that he lay down to sleep, but being soon missed by his companions, they turned back and helped him along.*

The first child of Daniel and Abigail was Margaret, born October 21, 1760, in Mendon. The second, Abigail, was born November 26, 1761 and the third, Daniel, Jr. was born September 15, 1764 also in Mendon. Abigail must have died when Daniel, Jr. was born or shortly thereafter because a marriage intent was filed February 26, 1766 between Daniel Davison and Abigail Fairbanks in Mendon. No record of the marriage was found and it assumed that the marriage was not consumated. [1]

The next reference found for Daniel Henry was in **The History of Deerfield** written by George Sheldon. When the town of Deerfield in present day Franklin County, Massachusetts was organized in 1677, it was one of the oldest settlements in western Massachusetts. Previous to the formation of Franklin County in 1811, Deerfield was located in Hampshire County which was formed in 1662. The reference to Daniel said that he was "making 'heels' for Zadock Hawkes." It was here that Daniel married Martha Harrington on June 4, 1767.

Martha Harrington was born March 8, 1746 in Marlborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of David Harrington of Deerfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts. Her mother's

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[1]**Annals of Mendon, Massachusetts**

name was not found in the records. Martha's emigrant ancestor was Robert Harrington /Herrington who came from Suffolk, England in 1634 aboard the ship ELIZABETH, William Andrews, Master. There were a number of families from the same county in England on this ship. They landed at Boston and were early settlers of Watertown in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. For two generations (Robert[1] and Daniel[2]) the Harringtons lived in Watertown. David, the third generation, was born in Watertown; later moved to Marlborough, Worcestor County, Massachusetts where he lived and died. Davids's son, David, (Martha's father) moved his family to the western part of the state and settled in Hampshire, County. The family was listed in **The History of Deerfield.**

By trade, Daniel Davison was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He had some land but the acreage was small which indicated that farming was not his principal means of support. Daniel's home was in the south-west part of Deerfield and a few months before his marriage, he joined with others in a petition to create the town of Conway and separate it from Deerfield.

Daniel and Martha's five children were born in Conway: 1) Mary, born January 18, 1768; 2) Charlotte, born April 10, 1770; 3) Henry, born June 23, 1772; 4) Ann (Nancy Ann?) July 14, 1774; 5) Elizabeth "Betty", born January 13, 1777.

A letter written to Daniel from his brother, Henry, sent from Boston October 15 , 1774, gives a graphic picture of conditions in Boston at that time.

Loving Brother and sister:

I take this opportunity to let you know that I and my wife is well, and hoping that these lines may find you and your wife and your children the same. Mother and Mr. Wiswall is well and desires to be remembered to you. Brother Loring and his wife and little Jonathin and Harry is well and send their love to you. Brother Wardell and his wife is settled in Marblehead, and we have just heard that they are both well, and likewise brother Miller is down and that are all well. Sister Betsey and Brother Oliver and Thomas is well and desire to be remembered to you.

Now I begin to let you know the Situation of this once Flourishing City. All Business is stagnated And they are foritifying and Intrenchen the Neck and one Regiment is incampt on the neck and one on Fort hill, and four in the Common and Two detachments of the Royal artillery, and they have erected a number of two and forty pounders besides other small Cannon which they fetched from Castle William and placed on the Fortify-cation and what will be the consequence God only knows and we ourly expect Two or Three Regiments more and there is a man of War stationed between Charlestown Ferry and Boston Ferry and a nother between Winmisimet Ferry and a Guard at Both Ferrys with four men, and Business is so stagnated that we Carce get a living from day to day. But this is just a beginning or our Troubles for we have got a long winter to rub through--and now dear Brother, I should take it kind if you would discount not a part, the leastest part I will except with thanks in money or provisions.

I long to see you and your wife and children and if possible, I would come down for we all long to see you. So no more at Present and I must Conclude with wishing you Prosperity and Happiness here and Hereafter.

Henry Davision

P.S. If your business is such that you cant come down, I would have you write for we all Long with unexpected longing to see you and if you write you must Direct it to me near the Draw bridge south sind.

Outside direction,--To Mr. Daniel Davison, in Conway, and in favor of Mr. Parker.

----Letter copied from **History And Genealogy of Davison, Davisson, Davidson Families** by Arthur H. Davision pp. 879, 880.

Six months later, Daniel enlisted at Conway in the Revolutionary War for a period of three months as one of the Minute-men in Capt. Robert Oliver's Company, Col. Samuel William's Regiment. He served for nine days, also, did other assignments. Then he enlisted for three years or duration of war.

Cambridge May the 2 1775.

Loving wife:

I would Inform you that I am well hoping you and my children are so I would have Do the Best you can for I do not (know) when I shall Returne I shall come home as sure as I can I have given orders to Decken Wells to order the town to Lett you have the Blanket or the money that I leave with you to take which you ples if you stand in need of any thing sell any of my tools. I would have you send me down my trouses and Jacket and Raser and some yarn to mend my stockings and some thread.

I hope I shall take some prize money and if I do I will send you some. I have no news to Rite more than you have heard. I cant hear from my mother nor Brother I hear that Brother Loring and family have got out of Boston but where they be I do no I would have you Rite to me every opportunity you can my love to you and mye children I Desire your prayers for me in my absence that in Due time I may return in peace

from your Loving Husband

Daniel Davison.

Apparently Daniel was considering a move to Vermont before the Revolutionary War began because his name appeared on the Petition of Benjamin Henshaw et al. for a portion of Readsboro. The petition presented to the General Assembly of the State of Vermont reads in part, "The Petition of Benjamin Henshaw Humbly Sheweth that he with his Associates in the year 1763 Petitioned the Governor Counsel of the State of New Hampshire for a grant of a tract of Land...etc."[2] Nothing came of the Petition since it seems that New York had granted it previously to others. After the War, Henshaw with twelve others, one of whom was Daniel Davison, presented another Petition dated October 25, 1779 to the Court. [3] In due time this petition was approved and in a few years settlers from Massachusetts began to move into Bennington County, Vermont.

Daniel Davison moved his family to Readsboro about 1785. His children grew to adulthood in Vermont. Martha died 17th May, 1815 and was buried in North Hill Cemetery, Readsboro. A few years later, Daniel moved to Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vermont where his son, Daniel, Jr., lived.

On April 20, 1818, he applied for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. At the time he said he was 81 years old. The pension was approved and he was awarded $8 per month.

Daniel died January 31, 1828 in Craftsbury, Vermont. Burial was in the North Craftsbury Cemetery.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Daniel Davison, Farmer; Carpenter; Cabinet Maker
Born c1738 (prob.) Boston Suffolk County, Massachusetts
Married 1 May 1759 Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts
Died 6 Jun 1828 Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vermont
Buried North Craftsbury Cemetery, Orleans County, Vermont
Husband's Father Daniel Davison Mother Margaret Oglesby
Husband's other wives 2) 4 Jun 1763 Martha Harrington

WIFE Abigail Sumner
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Daniel Sumner Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Margaret Oglesby Davison
   b. 21 Oct 1760 Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts
   m. 8 Dec 1782 (Int.) Daniel Thompson

2. Abigail Davison
   b. 26 Nov 1761 Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusettts
   m. 11 Mar 1784 Ebenezer Thompson
   d. 1792 Readsboro, Bennington, Vermont

3. (Capt.) Daniel Davison
   b. 15 Sep 1764 Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts
   m. 11 Jan 1789 Elizabeth Nelson
   d. 25 Jun 1864 Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vermont

Sources of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935
Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts Marriage Records

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Daniel Henry Davison, Farmer; Carpenter; Cabinet Maker
Born c1738 (prob.) Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
Married 4 Jun 1767 (Deerfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts Vital Records)
Died 31 Jan 1821 at 84 Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vermont
Buried North Craftsbury Cemetery, Craftsbury, Vermont
Husband's Father Daniel Davison Mother Margaret Ogelesby
Husband's other wives 1) 1 May 1759 Abigail Sumner at Mendon, Worcester Co., MA.

WIFE 2) Martha Harrington
Born 8 Mar 1746 Deerfield, Franklin County, MA. (Deerfield VR's)
Died 17 May 1815 Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont (VR's Readsboro)
Buried North Hill Cemetery, Readsboro, Bennington Co., VT
Wife's Father David Harrington Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Birth dates given in Conway, Franklin Co. MA Vital Statistics)

1. Mary (Polly?) Davison
   b. 18 Jan 1768 Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts
   m. 1) Merrill 2) Potter

2. Charlotte Davison
   b. 10 Apr 1770 Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts
   m. 17 Mar 1797 Peter Sibley (Readsboro Marriage Records, Bennington County, Vermont)

**3. Henry Davison
   b. 23 Jun 1772 Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts
   m. 24 Sep 1793 Sally Estey of Keene, Cheshire County, Vermont (Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont VR's)

4. Anna (Nancy) Davison
   b. 14 Jul 1774 Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts
   m. E. L. Bates
   d. 15 Apr 1851 Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts

5. Elizabeth "Betsy" Davison
   b. 13 Jan 1777 Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts
   m. 17 Mar 1798 Solomon Amidon, son of Roger Amidon
   d. 30 Aug 1861 Rowe, Franklin County, Massachusetts

Sources of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935
Birth Records Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts
Marriage Records Deerfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts
Marriage Records Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont

DANIEL HENRY DAVISON - MILITARY RECORD

Daniel Davison 20 Aug. 1755 in Co. of Capt. John Fry. of Sutton "Accepted as good soldier." Company from Sutton and Mendon. On Nov. 27, 1755, he had 21 weeks and 5 days service at least; was allowed fot travel from Albany to Sutton, 165 miles.; 11 days.

----**Massachusetts Archives**, 94; 4 AND 94; 96 also **Mendon Annals.**

Davison, Daniel, Conway. Private. Capt. Robert Oliver's co. of Minute-men, Col. Samuel William's regt., which marched April 22, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 9 days; also Capt. Robert Oliver's co., Col. Ephraim Doolittle's (24th) regt.; company receipt for advance pay dated Charelston, June 27, 1775; also same co. and regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days; also company return dated Winter Hill Oct. 6, 1775; also order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Winter Hill, Dec 23, 1775; also, list of men enlisted in Continental Army from 5th Hampshire Co. regt. (year not given), endorsed "Col. David Field's return;" residence Conway; enlisted for town of Conway; joined Capt, Robert Oliver's co., Col. John Greaton's (2nd) regt.; enlistment 3 years or during war; reported mustered by Col. Woodbridge.

----**Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors In The Revolution** Vol. 4, p. 554.

Davison, Daniel, Hampton Falls. Capt. William Hudson Ballard's co., Col. James Fry's regt.; company receipt for advance pay dated June 8, 1775; also, Private. same co. and regt.; company retrun dated Cambridge, Oct. 6, 1775; reported wounded and absent; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge, Dec. 13, 1775.

----**Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors In The Revolution** Vol. 4, p. 554.

Davison, Daniel, Private, Capt. Benjamin Read's co., Col. John Rand's (Worcester Co.) regt.; enlisted July 14 ,1780; discharged Oct 12, 1780; service 3 mos. 7 days, travel included, at West Point; company raised to reinforce Continental Army for 3 mos.

----**Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors In The Revolution** Vol. 4, p. 554.

Daniel Davison applied for pension April 20, 1818 at Craftsbury, Vermont, "in his 81st year."
----U.S. Pension, S39,421.

He was approved for pension of $8 per month to commence on _____. The first check, including back pay to May 1819 amounted to $131.96.

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Vermont.

Daniel Davison

of Craftsbury in the state of Vermont
who was a ~~[illegible]~~ private in the regiment commanded by
Colonel Gaston of the Massachusetts
line, for the term of three years 1776.

Inscribed on the Roll of Vermont
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on
the 20 of April 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 7 of May 1819
and sent to T Stanley Agent
Craftsbury Vermont

Arrears to 4th of March 1819 $83.96
Semi-anl. all'ce ending 4 Sept 1819 48
10 Mo. 15 dys arrears $131.96

{Revolutionary claim,
Act 18th March, 1818.}

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Daniel Davison

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname HERRINGTON

HUSBAND Robert Herrington (Harrington), Emigrant Ancestor to America
Born c1616 England
Married 1 Oct 1647 Watertown, Middlesex County, MA (Vital Records)
Died 11 May 1707 (at 91)
Buried Old Arlington Street Cemetery, Watertown, Massachusetts
Husband's Father Robert Harrington Mother Joan Jentilman
Husband's other wives

WIFE Sarah George
Born c1623
Died 6 Jul 1694
Buried
Wife's Father John George Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Births and marriages listed in Vital Records at Watertown)

1. Susan Herrington
   b. 18 Aug 1649 Watertowh, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

2. John Herrington
   b. 24 Aug 1651 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

3. George Herrington
   b. 24 Nov 1655 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

** 4. Danill
   b. 1 Nov 1657 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   m. 18 Oct 1681 Sary Whetney/Whitney
   d.

5. Jofeph Herrington
   b. 28 Dec 1659 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

6. Benjamin Herrington
   b. 26 Dec 1661 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   m. 10 Dec 1684 Abigail Bigelo

7. Mary Herrington
   b. 12 Jan 1663 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

8. Thomas Herrington
   b. 20 Feb 1665 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   m. 1 Apr 1686 Rebecca Wahite

9. Samuel Herrington
   b. 18 Dec 1666 Watertown (2nd listing said "14 (11)^{mo}1666")
   m. 6 Oct 1691 Grace Levernor

Children of Robert Herrington and Sara

10. Edward Herrington
    b. 2 Mar 1668 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

11. Sary Herrington
    b. 10 May 1671 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

12. David Herrington
    b. 1 Jun 1673 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
    d. 11 Mar 1675 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Source of Information:
James Savage, GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF FIRST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND
Charles Henry Pope, PIONEERS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname HARRINGTON

HUSBAND Daniel Herrington/Harrington
Born 1 Nov 1657 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts (Vital Records)
Married 18 Oct 1681 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts (Vital Records)
Died 1728
Buried
Husband's Father Robert Harrington Mother Sarah George
Husband's other wives 2) Elizabeth (Bridge) Garfield

WIFE 1) Sarah Whitney "Danill Herrington and Sary Whetney Joynes in marage
Born 1653 18 of October 1681"--Waterton VR
Died 1720
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Daniell Herrington
   b. 24 Feb 1683 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

2. Robert Herrington
   b. 17 Dec 1685 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

**3. David Herrington
   b. 10 Jul 1687 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   m. Mary
   d. 1756 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

4. Jonathan Herrington
   b. 2 Feb 1689 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

5. Jofeph (Joseph) Herrington
   b. 4 Feb 1690/91 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Source of Information:
Children listed in Watertown, Massachusetts Vital Records

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

HARRINGTON
Surname HERRINGTON

HUSBAND David Herington/Harrington
Born 10 Jul 1687 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts (VR)
Married
Died 16 Feb 1756 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts (VR)
Buried
Husband's Father Daniel Herrington Mother Sarah Whitney
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary
Born
Died 28 Apr 1747 Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA (Court Records)
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Births of children listed in Marlborough Court Records)

1. Abigail Herrington
   b. (bp) 27 Aug 1721 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

** 2. David Herrington
   b. 26 Jul 1719 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   m. c1743
   d.

3. Mary Herrington
   b. 12 Jul 1721 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

4. Caleb Herrington
   b. 3 Apr 1723 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

5. Jacob Herrington
   b. 10 Feb 1725 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   d. 4 Dec 1789 Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA (Grave Stone)

6. Sarah Herrington
   b. 6 Apr 1727 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

7. Jason Herrington
   b. 13 May 1729 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

8. Nathan Herrington
   b. 8 Aug 1731 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
   d. 22 Jun 1750 Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname Harrington

HUSBAND David Harrington
Born 26 Jul 1719 Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA (Court Records)
Married c. 1743
Died
Buried
Husband's Father David Harrington Mother Mary
Husband's other wives

WIFE
Born
Died 20 Jan 1809
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Solomon Harrington
   b. 23 Jan 1744
   d. 5 Feb 1744

**2. Martha Harrington
   b. 8 Mar 1746 (prob.) Worchester County, Massachusetts
   m. 4 Jun 1767 Daniel Davison
   d. 17 May 1815 Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont
   bur. North Hill Cemetery, Bennington County, Vermont

3. Jason Harrington
   b. 9 Apr 1784 (Soldier at Bunker Hill)

4. Solomon Harrington
   b. 24 Apr 1750
   d. 16 Dec 1750

5. Catherine Harrington
   b. 28 Apr 1752
   d. 17 Dec 1752

6. Catherine Harrington
   b. 27 Nov 1753
   d. 3 Nov 1756

7. Dolle Harrington
   b. 23 Dec 1755

8. Joanne Harrington
   b. Apr 1757

9. Lucy Harrington
   b. 10 Dec 1759

10. Solomon Harrington
   b. 27 Aug 1764

Source of Information:
Births of children given in History of Deerfield, Genealogies, Franklin County, Massachusetts

Sixth Generation

HENRY DAVISON (1772-1831) - SARAH "SALLY" ESTEY (1772-1835)

Henry, eldest son of Daniel Davison and his second wife Martha Harrington, was born June 23, 1772 in Conway, Franklin County, Massachussetts.[1] He was about thirteen years old when his father moved the family to Readsboro in Bennington County, Vermont.

In September of 1793, he married Sally Easty (Esty or Estey) of Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. Sarah "Sally" Estey, the youngest child of Isaac Estey and Hannah Smith, was born April 28, 1772, Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. In 1770, her parents had moved from Topsfield, Esssx County, Massachusetts to Keene. Sarah was the great-great-granddaughter of Mary (Towne) Estey who was charged and hanged as a witch in those infamous witchcraft trials in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692.

Henry grew up in Readsboro and was elected Constable at the first town meeting, 1794. He and Sally were the parents of nine children: (All of them recorded in Readsboro Vital Statistics) 1) Stephen, born January 4, 1795; 2) Harvey, born May 4, 1796; 3) Henry, Jr., born May 15, 1797; 4) Sarah "Sally", born March 8, 1799; 5) Laura, born August 20, 1801; 6) Sylvia, born September 12, 1805; 7) Lyman, born September 10, 1807; 8) Betsy, born June 1810; 9) Polly, born October 17, 1812.

Henry died September 17, 1831 at the age of fifty-nine years. Sally died May 6, 1835. Both are buried in North Hill Cemetery in Readsboro.

From: Marriage Records State of Vermont Readsboro Town and Vital Records Vol. A page 120

Henry Davison of Readsborough and
Sally Esty of Toxen Dublished for marrige
Sept 1793. John Fairbank T C

Henry Davison of Readsborough and
Sally Esty of ? Published for marriage
Sept 1793 John Fairbank T C

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[1]**History of Deerfield**, Franklin County, Massachusetts p.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Henry Davison
Born 23 Jun 1772 Deerfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts
Married 24 Sep 1793 Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont Marriage Records
Died
Buried
Husband's Father Daniel Davison Mother Martha Harrington
Husband's other wives

WIFE Sarah "Sally" Estey
Born 28 Apr 1774 Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Isaac Esty Mother Hannah Smith
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Stephen Esty Davison
   b. 4 Jan 1795 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 71
   c. 5 May 1795 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont

2. Harvey Davison
   b. 4 May 1796 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 74
   d. 4 May 1796 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont

3. Henry Davison, Jr.
   b. 15 May 1797 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 74
   m. 21 Jan 1817 Hannah Smith
   d. 17 Sep 1831 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont

4. Sally Davison
   b. 18 Mar 1799 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 74
   m. 1818 Julius Gibbs
   d. 1875 (Moved to Palmyer, Lenawee County, Michigan 1831)

5. Laura Davison
   b. 20 Aug 1801 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 99
   Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 177

6. Sylvia Davison
   b. 12 Sep 1805 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 82

**7. Lyman Davison
   b. 10 Sep 1807 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 82
   m. c. 1829 1) Miranda Childs 2) Priscilla Morseman
   d. Mar 1898 Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan

8. Betsey Davison
   b. Jun 1810 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 88

9. Polly Davison
   b. 17 Oct 1812 Readsboro, Bennington Co., Vermont VR Bk. A, p. 88

Source of Information:
Arthur Henry Davison, HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES 1935

LYMAN DAVISON (1807-1898) - MIRANDA CHILDS (c1815-18xx)

Lyman Davison (sometimes spelled Davidson) was the seventh child and fourth son of Henry Davison and his wife, Sally Estey. He was born September 10, 1807 in Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont where he grew to manhood. He left the state sometime before 1830 to seek his fortune in the west. Whether he married Miranda Childs in Massachusetts or New York has not been determined.

Most of what we know about Lyman was found on the 1850 Census of Lenawee County, Michigan. It was taken in the town of Palmyra during the month of September, 1850. Dwelling #1687 lists:

Davidson,	Lyman	42	a carpenter, born in Vermont
"	Miranda	35	housekeeping, born in Massachusetts
"	Cordelia	20	born in New York
"	Henry	13	born in Michigan
"	Charles	8	born in Ohio
"	Frederick	7	born in Michigan
"	Helen	3	born in Michigan

From the Census Record, (the first year that everyone in the household was named), we can conclude that New York (county not determined at this time) was Lyman's place of residence until he moved on to Michigan.

Lyman's sister, Sally, was eight years older than he. She married Julius Gibbs in 1818 in Vermont. According to Arthur H. Davison, they removed first to western New York and in 1831, by boat to Detroit and by ox-team to Palmyra, Michigan. This suggests the strong probability that Lyman might have left Vermont with his sister and her husband, married his wife in New York and the two families travelled together to Michigan in 1831.

Lyman may have married Miranda in New York, since no record of his marriage was found in Vermont or Massachusetts. Miranda Childs, born c1815 may have been a second wife of Lyman because if she were the mother of Cornelia, she would have been about fifteen when Cornelia was born; not a probability, but a possibility since many girls in those days were married at sixteen and a few marriages have been found where the bride was a year or two younger. The seven year gap between the ages of Cornelia and Henry also suggest a second marriage, or the possibility of children who died in infancy.

Family papers say that Lyman, a carpenter by trade, worked on box cars for the railroad.

The majority of people who came early to Michigan were concentrated in the Detroit area. Wayne, the first county, was organized in 1815 with Detroit as its county seat. As soon as public land was offered for sale in 1818 for a nominal sum, settlers began to arrive in large numbers. Vast areas of virgin timber, coupled with the discovery of valuable deposits of iron and copper ores attracted thousands of easterners to the territory. Mining became an important industry and many men were needed to work the mines and smelters. Experienced men in the mining industry were imported from England, Wales, Ireland, Poland, Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian peninsula. They poured in by the thousands. So many immigrants arrived that, between the years of 1815 and 1837, the year that Michagan applied for statehood thirty-eight counties had been formed. Wayne County was first divided into eight counties, one of which was Lenawee County.

The building of the Erie Canal began in 1818 and continued for seven years. A territorial road was constructed through the Kalamazoo Valley in 1829. The Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad was completed in

1836. The first trains were pulled by horses. The following year, 1837, the railroad started to operate what was probably the first steam locomotive west of the Allegheny Mountains.

The date of Miranda's death was not found nor was the date of Lyman's marriage to Priscilla Morseman found in our records. A descendant in Nodaway County, Missouri told the author (1985) that Lyman was living at the age of ninety "and still going strong." Arthur H. Davison said that he died in Adrian, 1898 at ninety-one years. Adrian is the county seat of Wayne County, Michigan.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname DAVISON

HUSBAND Lyman Davison, carpenter on railroad
Born 10 Sep 1807 Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont (Vital Records)
Married c1829
Died Mar 1898 Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan
Buried
Husband's Father Henry L. Davison Mother Sally Esty
Husband's other wives 2) Priscilla Morseman

WIFE Miranda Childs.
Born c1815 Massachusetts
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Cordelia Davison
   b. 1831 Massachusetts or New York
   m. c1852 Linus Van Way
   d. 13 May 1884 Lenawee County, Michigan
   bur. Palmyra, Lenawee County, Michigan

**2. Henry Davison
   b. 23 Feb 1837 Lenawee County, Michigan
   m. c1864 Isabelle Forest, dau/James A. Forest & Rachel Munson
   d. 1890 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Salem Cemetery, Barnard, Missouri

3. Charles Davison
   b. 1841 Ohio
   m. Sarah

4. Wm. Frederick Davison
   b. 1846 Michigan

5. Helen Davison
   b. 1847 Michigan

6. Austin Davison
   b.
   d. at five years old

7. Grant Davison

Source of Information:
Davison Family op. cit. p. 890
Bennington County, Vermont Birth Records
1850 Census, Lenawee County, Michigan (Name was spelled Davidson)

BIRTH—MALE

Name of Child Lyman Davison

Color — No. of Child of Mother —

Date of Birth Sept Month 10 Day 1807

Maiden Name of Mother Sally Davison

Mother's Birthplace natgiven Age —

Mother's Residence " "

Full Name of Father Henry Davison

Father's Birthplace natgiven Age —

Father's Occupation —

Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth — Live / Still natgiven

If Still Birth the Cause —

Name of Informant —

Town [illegible] VT. John Walker Town Clerk

Town of

READSBORO, VT.

I hereby certify that the facts set forth on the reverse side of this card are matters of record in READSBORO, VT.

E G Brown

Attest : Town Clerk.

First Generation

JEFFERY ESTEY (c1587-1657) - MARGARET POTE/PETT (____-____)

Jeffery Estey/Esty, the emigrant ancestor to America was born about 1587 in Freston, Suffolk County, England. He was the eldest child of Christopher and Ann (Arnold) Estey who were married May 1, 1586 in Freston.[1]

Christopher's father was Jeffery Esty who was living in Hintlesham, Suffolk County when he appeared on the 1586 tax list of that country. He died in 1592. In his will, he mentioned his grandchildren, one of whom was Jeffery, son of Christopher; to him he left his "greate Bible if his father bring him up to learning so that he shall be able to use it or else to Edmund, his brother, or to one of the kindred that can reade, and that it should not be sould out of kindred."[2]

The will of Christopher Esty, yeoman, dated November 7, 1621, proved by his widow, Ann, February 20, 1621/22 mentioned his son, Jeffery, to whom he left money. Ann made her will on May 26, 1623. it was entered for probate nine months later. She also mentioned her son, Jeffery.

Jeffery (once written Goeffry), the son of Christopher and Ann, married Margaret Pote (or Pett) on the 29th day of May 1626 at Freston, England. The birth of their son, Isaac, was on November 17, 1627; christened November 27, 1629 at Freston. The birth of a daughter, Mary, was listed but no other mention of her was found. Perhaps she died in infancy.

Isaac was a small child when Jeffery and Margaret immigrated to New England. The year has not been determined, but we know that Jeffery was in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts in 1636 when he was granted 20 acres of land.

Jeffery Esty's name appeared on the Essex County Court Records several times for infraction of rules laid down by the founding fathers. At the Court held in Salem October 27, 1642, he was admonished for "much sleeping on the Lord's day in time of exercise."[3] During the September Court hearings, he was again admonished for "not having a fence around a field."[4] A third reference to Jeffery was found in 1648 when he "paid five shillings to be discharged from military training."[5] At that time, he would have been about sixty-one or sixty-two years old.

After fifteen years in Salem, Jeffery sold his land in two parcels; a five-acre lot to Henry Bullock, and on October 7, 1651, he transferred thirty acres of upland in Mackerel Cove to William Dixie for 20 shillings.[6]

Soon after the sale of his property, Jeffery removed to Southold, Long Island, New York. Then he moved to Huntington and from there to Little Neck, Long Island where he died on January 4, 1657. His undated will was dictated to Henry Scudder, his son-in law, with whom he may have been living at

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[1]**Recorded in Parish Records of Freston, Suffolk,** England
[2]**Consistory Court Records**
[3]**Salem Quarter Sessions,** Essex County, Massachusetts Vol. 1, p. 48
[4]Ibid. p. 50
[5]Ibid. p. 92
[6]**Essex County Deeds**

the time. His will was entered for probate on January 23, 1657. He mentioned only his son Isaac; his daughter, Catherine Scudder, and a grandson, Jonathan Scudder, to whom he left his house and lot.

After the death of Catherine's husband, Henry Scudder, she married Thomas Jones and they settled in Huntington on Long Island. If Catherine had any other children besides Jonathan, no account of them was found.

The time or place of the death of Margaret, wife of Jeffery, was not found in the records.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ESTY/ESTEY

HUSBAND Jeffery Esty/Estey
Born 1587 Hintlesham, England
Marr 29 May 1626 Freston, England
Died 4 Jan 1657/58 Little Neck, Long Island, New York
Buried Will probated 23 Jan 1657
Husband's Father _____ Mother _____
Husband's other wives _____

WIFE Margaret Pote (or Pett)
Born England
Died _____
Buried _____
Wife's Father _____ Mother _____
Wife's Other Husbands _____

Children:

xx 1. Isaac Esty
b. bef 1630 probably in England
m. Mary Towne, d/William Towne & Joannah Blessing
d. 1712 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
bur.

2. Catherine Esty
b.
m. 1) Henry, s/Thomas & Elizabeth Scudder
2) Thomas Jones

Source of Information:
Gay Esty Bangs, ISAAC ESTY OF TOPSFIELD AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS
(Published in Topsfield Historical Collections of the Topsfield (MA) Historical Society)

Second Generation

ISAAC ESTEY (1627-1712) - MARY TOWNE (1634-1692)

Isaac, eldest child of and Margaret Pote (or Pett) was baptized at St. Peter's Church in Freston, Suffolk County England on November 17, 1627.[1] He was quite young when his father, Jeffery, brought the family to Essex County, Massachusetts where Isaac grew to manhood. By occupation, he was a cooper (barrel or caske maker).[2]

On May 19, 1653, Issac purchased a house and one-half acre of land surrounding it in Salem. He paid Job Hillard, a fisherman, 20 pounds for it.[3] Payments were to be made in fish distributed over a three year period; 6 on October next in codfish or caske; 8 on the 15th of October 1654 in fish or mackerel; 6 on the 15th of October 1655 in fish or mackerel. If terms of the agreement were not met, Job was to have the house and land again. Thus, an early "mortgage" was signed to protect the previous owner in case the buyer defaulted on his promise to pay.

A record of Isaac's marriage to Mary Towne could not be found, but it was probably the same year that Isaac bought the house and lot in Salem. Mary, born in England, was the daughter of William Towne and his wife, Joanna Blessing of Yarmouth, Norfolk County, England. She was baptized August 24, 1634 at St. Nicholas Chruch in Yarmouth. She was a small child when her parents left England and settled in Essex County, Massachusetts.

By 1658, Isaac had removed to Topsfield where his father-in-law had gone several years previously. Topsfield, organized in 1648, was inland, about ten miles north-west of Salem. Isaac was the first cooper in town and, in 1661, he was named a commoner to share in a division of common land. He acquired other tracts of land from time to time. In 1671, he bought 17 acres from his brothers-in-law, William, Edmund and Jacob Towne. The tract joined that of Mary's father.

Isaac held a number of important positions in the community. He was appointed Constable in 1664; Selectman in 1682 and again in 1686. He served as a member of the Trial Jury at Ipswich for at least three years and later was chosen to serve on the Essex County Grand Jury. He held responsible positions on church committees and his whole family in 1684 were listed as constituant members of the Church in full communion.

Mary and Isaac became the parents of nine children, all of them reared in Topsfield. For thirty-five years, the Esteys had been respected members of the community. Then, tragedy struck!

Mary and two of her sisters were victims of the terrible witchcraft delusion that spread so rapidly over the area in 1692. Salem will long be remembered as the center of this activity. On April 21, 1692, Mary was accused of witchcraft and thrown into jail. She was released and had hardly returned to her home when, three days later, she was taken at midnight and carried off to Salem where her sister, Rebecca, thirteen years her senior, was being held on the same charge. At the time, Mary was fifty-eight

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[1]**Parish Records**, Freston, Suffolk County, England

[2]Gay Estey Bangs, **Isaac Estey and Some of His Descendants** Published in the **Essex Historical Collections** Vol. 36, p. 129

[3]Land was located on the south side of the Ipswich River

years old and had never been accused of even a minor infraction of the laws. Conditions in the jail were terrible. Members of her family brought food, clothing and bedding to make her as comfortable as possible during her confinement. She was a woman of high intelligence, well educated at a time when the majority of women and many of the men were illiterate. She spent her time in jail composing a petition to the judges who had jurisdiction over her and others like her who had been accused of witchcraft. The petition would have done credit to even the best of lawyers in her day.

"The humble Request of Mary Esty and Sarah Cloys to the Honoured Court.

Humbly sheweth, that wheras we two Sisters Mary Esty and Sarah Cloys stand now before the Honoured court charged with the suspition of Witchcraft, our humble request is first that seing we are neither able to plead our owne cause, nor is councell alowed to those in our condicion, that you who are our Judges, would please to be of councell to us, to direct us where in we may stand in neede, Secondly that wheras we are not conscious to ourselves of any guilt in the least degree of that crime, whereof we are now accused (in the presence of ye Living God we speake it, before whose awfull Tribunall we know we shall ere Long appeare) nor of any other scandalouse evill, or miscaryage inconsistant with Christianity, Those who have had ye Longest and best knowledge of us, being persons of good report, may be suffered to Testifie upon oath what they know concerning each of us. vis Mr. Capen the pastour and those of ye Towne and Chruch of Topsfield, who are ready to say something which we hope may be looked upon, as very considerable in this matter: with the seven children of one of us, vis Mary Esty, and it may be produced of like nature in reference to the wife of Peter Cloys, her sister, Thirdly that the Testimony of witches, or such, as are afflicted, as is supposed, by witches may not be improved to condemn us, without other Legal evidence concurring, we hope the honoured Court and Jury will be soe tender of the lives of such as we are who have for many yeares Lived under the unblemished reputation of Christianity as not to condemne them without a fayre and equall hearing of what may be sayd for us, as well as against us. And your poore supplyants shall be bound always to pray &c." ***---Essex Co. Court Records.***

After her sentence and while awaiting death, she presented a second petition to the Judges. This petition stands by itself and is probably one of the most remarkable petitions in the English language.

"The humbl petition of mary Eastick unto his Excellencyes Sr. W. Phips and to the honourd Judge and Bench now Stting in Judicature in Salem and the Reuerend ministers humbly sheweth.

That wheras your poor and humble Petition being condemned to die Doe humbly begg of you to take it in your Judicious and pious consideration that your Poor and humble petitioner knowing my own Innocencye Blised be the Lord for it and seeing plainly the wiles and subtility of my accusers by myselfe cannot but Judg charitably of others that are going ye same way of myselfe if the Lord stepps not mightily in I was confined a whole month upon the same account that I am condemed now for and then cleared by the afflicted persons as some of your honours know and in two dayes time I was cryed out upon by them and have been confined and now am condemned to die the Lord aboue knows my Innocencye then and likewise does now as att the great day will be known to men and Angells--I Petition to your honours not for my own life for I know I must die and my appointed time is sett but the Lord he knowes it is that if it be possible no more Innocent blood may be shed which undoubtidly cannot be Avoydd In the way and course you goe in I question not but your honours does to the uttmost of your Power in the discouery and detecting of witchcraft and withches and would not be gulty of Innocent blood for the world but by my oun Innocencye I know you are in the wrong way the Lord in his infinite mercye direct you in the great work if it be his blessed will that no more Innocent blood be shed I would humbly begg of you that your honors would be pleased to examine theis Aflicted Persons strictly and keep them apart some time and Likewise to try some of these confesing wiches I being confident there is seuerall of them as belyed themselves and others as will appeare if not in this wor [l]d I am sure in the world to come

whither I am now agoing and I Question not but youle see an alteration of thes things they say myselfe and others haueing made a League with the Diuel we cannot confesse I know and the Lord knows as will shortly appeare they belye me and so I Question not but they doe others the Lord aboue who is the Searcher of all hearts knows that as I shall answer it att the Tribunall seat that I know not the least thinge of witchcraft therefore I cannot I dare not belye my own soule I beg you honers not to deny this my humble petition from a poor dying Innocent person and I Question not but the Lord will giue a blesing to yor endeurs."
Essex Co. Court Records.

Salem Village March 24th 169½.

Mr Saml parris being desired to take in wrighting the Examination of Mary Eastie hath deliuered itt as aforesaid.

Upon hearing the aforesaid, and seeing what we did then see, together with the Charge of the persons then present, Wee Committed sd Mary Eastie to theire Majestᵉ Goale.

JOHN HATHORNE
JONATHAN CORWIN } Assists.

EXAMINATION OF MARY EASTY.

The Examination of Mary Eastie.
At a Court held at Salem village 22: Apr. 1692.
By the Wop. John Hathorne & Jonathan Corwin.
At the bringing in of the accused severall fell into fits.
Doth this woman hurt you.

Abig: Williams said it was Goody Eastie, and she had hurt her, the like said Mary Walcot & Ann Putman, John jackson said he saw her with Goody Hobbs.

What do you say, are you guilty?
I can say before Christ Jesus, I am free.
You see these accuse you.

There is a God.
Hath she brought the book to you?
Their mouths were stopt.
What have you done to these children?

I know nothing.

How can you say you know nothing, when you see these tormented, and accuse you that you know nothing?

Would you have me accuse myself?
Yes if you be guilty.

How far have you complyed wᵗʰ Satan whereby he takes this advantage agᵗ you?

Sir, J never complyed but prayed against him all my dayes, J have no complyance with Satan in this. What would you have me do?

Confess if you be guilty.
J will say it, if it was my last time, J am clear of this sin.
Of what sin?
Of witchcraft.
Are you certain this is the woman?
Never a one could speak for fits.

By & by Ann Putnam said that was the woman, it was like her, and she told me her name.

It is marvailous to me that you should sometimes think they are bewitched, and sometimes not, when several confess that they have been guilty of bewitching them.

well Sir would you have me confess that J never knew?

Her hands were clinch[d] together and then the hands of Mercy Lewis was clincht.

Look now you hands are open, her hands are open.

Js this the woman?

They made signes but could not speak, but Ann Putnam afterwards *Betty Hubbard* cryed out Oh. Goody Easty, Goody Easty you are the woman, you are the woman

Put up her head, for while her head is bowed the necks of these are broken.

What de you say to this?

Why God will know.

Nay God knows now.

I know he dos.

what did you think of the actions of others before your sisters came out, did you think it was Witchcraft?

I cannot tell.

Why do you not think it is Witchcraft?

Jt is an evil spirit, but wither it be witchcraft J do not know, Severall said she brought them the book and then they fell into fits.

Jonathan Putnam, James Darling, Benj[a] Hutchinson & Sam. Braybrook v. Mary Easty.

The deposition of Jonathan Putnam, James Darling Benj[a] Hutchinson & Sam; Braybrook w[o] testify and say that we together with divers others the 20: May. 1692. between eight and eleven oclock at night being with Mercy Lewes whom we found in a case as if death would have quickly followed, and to whom Eliz: Hubbard was brought (said Mercy being unable to Speak most of the day) to discover what she could see did afflict said Mercy, heard and observed that these two fell into fits by turns, the one being well whilst the other was ill, and that each of them complained much of Mary Eastie, who brought the book to said Mercy severall times as we heard her say in her trances, and vexed and tortured them both by choking aud seemingly breathless fits and other fits, threatning said Mercy with a winding sheet &, afterwards with a Coffin if said Mercy would not signe to her book, with abundance more of vexation the both received from her.

Warrant v. Mary Easty.

To the Marshall of the County of Essex or dept or Constables of Salem.

You are in theire Majes[ties] names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before me at ye house of Mr. Thomas Beadles in Salem, the Body of Mary Easty the wife Isaac Easty of Topsfield to Be Examined Relating to sundry acts of witchcraft. by her committed yesterday and this present day according to Complaint abouesd. and hereof you are not to faile. Dated Salem May 20th 1692.

John Hathorne Assist

May 20th 1692. p[r] order of ye Councill.

I have taken the body of the abouenamed Mary Estice and brought her at y[e] time and place abouenamed.

P[r] me. Geo Herrick Marshall of Essex.

Not all of the complaints against Mary Estey were made by women; some were made by men, one of which is included here:

COMPLAINT OF MARY EASTY.

Salem May the 20th 1692

There beign complaint this day made before mee by John Putnam Junr and Benjamin Hutcheson both of Salem Village for themselves and also for theire Neighbors in behalfe of theire Majesties against Marah Easty the wife of Isaac Esty of Topsfield for sundry acts of witchcraft by her Committed yesterday and this present day of the date hereof vpon the bodys of Ann putnam Marcy Lewis, Mary Walcot and Abigail Williams of Salem Vollage to ye wrong and Injury of theire bodys therefore crave Justice.

John Putnam Jun.
Benjamin Hutchinson.

INDICTMENT V. MARY EASTY NO. 1.

Province of ye Massachusetts, Bay In New England Essex ss. } Anno Regni Regis et Reginee Gulielmi et Mariee nunc Anglice J " Quarto Annog Dom. 1692.

The Jure for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen P^r^sents that Mary Easty wife of Isaack Easty of Topsfield husbandman—on the twenty third day of May in the fourth year of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scottland ffrance and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the faith &c. and divers other Day and times as well before as after certaine Detestable arts called witchcrafts and Sorceries wickedly and ffellonously hath vsed Practised and Exercised at and within the Towneship of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in vpon and against one Marcy Lewis* of Salem Village Singlewoman by which said wicked Arts the said Marcy Lewis the Twenty third day of May in the year abovesaid and Divers other Days and times as well before as after, was and is Tortured Afflicted Pined Consumed wasted and Tormented ag^t^ the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King and Queen and ag^t^ the forme of the Statute in that case made and Provided—

Witnesses

Marcy Lewis Jurat — Eliz Hubbard Jurat.
Ann Putnam Jurat — Mary Wolcott Jurat.

Mary Warin v. Mary Easty.

Mary Warin affirmed before the Jury of Inquest: that Goodwife Esty of Topsfield has afflicted her she or her Apperition: and that sd Esty hath afflicted Marcy Lewis: Elizabeth Hubbard & Mary Walcott and Ann Putman: upon ye oath: y^{t} she has taken. Augst 3: 1692.

Thomas Ffosse & Elizabeth Ffosse for Mary Easty.

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that we hows names are vnder Rit*ten*
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mary estwcke to giue our absarvations how
she behaued hurself while she Remain*ed*
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Geo: Herrick v. Mary Easty.

May 20th 1692. The testimone of Geo: Herrick aged thirty four or thereaboutrs and John Puttnam Junr of Salem Village aged thirty five yeares or there aboutes testifieth and saith y^{t} being at the house of ye aboue sd John Puttnams both saw Mercy Lewis in a Dreadfull and Solemn Condition: So y^{t} to our aprehention shee could not continue long in this world without A mittigation of thoes Torments wee saw her which Caused us to Expediate A hasty dispatch to apprehend Mary Esstick in hopes if possible it might saue her Life and Returneing ye same night to sd John Puttnams house aboute middnight wee found ye sd Mercy Lewis in a Dreadffull fitt but her reason was then Returned Againe she said what haue you brought me ye winding Sheet Goodwife Esstice, well J had rather goe into ye winding Sheet then Sett my hand to ye Book but affter that her fitts was weaker and weaker but stiil Complaining y^{t} Shee was very sick of her Stomake aboute break of Day She fell a Sleep but still Continues Extream sick and was taken wth A Dread fitt Just as wee left her so y^{t} wee perceaued life in her and that was all.

Jurat in Curia.

Sepr 9th 92. Atest. Geo. Herrick.
John putnam Jun.

Principal Participants In Testimony Given At The Witchcraft Trials
Group known as the "afflected Children"[4]

Elizabeth Parris, nine years old, daughter of the Reverend Samuel Parris
Abigail Williams, eleven years old, a niece of Mr. Parris and member of the household
Ann Putnam, twelve years old, daughter of Sergeant Thomas Putnam, clerk of the parish
Mercy Lewis, seventeen years old, who had been in the family of Reverand George Burrought while he was at the village but now was a servant in Sergeant Putnam's family
Mary Wolcutt, seventeen years old, daughter of Captain Jonathan Wolcott, deacon of the parish
Elizabeth Hubbard, seventeen years old, a niece of Mrs. Griggs, wife of the village doctor
Elizabeth Booth, eighteen years old
Susannah Sheldon, eighteen years old
Marry Warren, twenty years old, servant in the family of John Proctor
Sarah Churchill, a twenty year old servant in the family of George Jacobs, Sr.

These ten, with occasional help of three women, Mrs. Ann Putnam, mother of the girl, Ann, Mrs. Pope, and Goody (Housewife) Bibber of Wenham, provided most of the initial testimony on which nineteen persons were hanged and well over one hundred more were cast into prison.

The trials dragged on until September. Mary Estey was convicted and with seven others, was led to the public gallows and executed in full view of her family and a large gathering of townspeople. Mary left, not only a grieving husband, but a family of devoted children, three of whom, Samuel, Jacob and Joshua were minors under the age of twenty-one.

Isaac Estey spent the rest of his life presenting petitions to the Court asking that the name of his wife be cleared and his children be no longer disgraced in the eyes of the community. Shortly before his death in 1712, Isaac was rewarded for his efforts. The verdict was annulled and, in acknowledgement of the injustice done to him and his family, he was awarded 20 pounds--small compensation for the pain and suffering inflicted on totally innocent persons.

In 1707, Ann Putnam, wife of Thomas, the woman who had testified in every witchcraft trial except one, made a public confession. She said that she had been deluded by the Devil in testifying as she had. No doubt her confession helped in a small way to cause the powers that be to admit their mistakes and make restitution, small as it was, to members of the families of those who had been convicted and executed.

ORDER FOR REVERSAL OF ATTAINDER.

That a bill be brought in to acquit mary falknar and the other present petitioners severally of the penalties to which they are lyable upon the Conviction and judgments on the said Courts and Estate them in their just Cred't and reputation as if no such judgment had been had.

In Council, July 21, 1703. Agreed to die p[r] dict. Agreed to

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[4]List given in **Salem of the Seventeenth Century** by James Duncan Phillips

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ESTEY

HUSBAND Isaac Esty
Born bef. 1630 probably England
Married c1655
Died 1712 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Buried
Husband's Father Jeffery Esty Mother Margaret Pote/Pett
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary Towne
Born 29 May 1606 Yarmouth, Norfold County, England
Died 22 Sep 1692 Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts
Buried (Executed as a witch)
Wife's Father William Towne Mother Joanna Blessing
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

**1. Isaac Esty
b. c1656
m. 14 Oct 1689 Abigail Kimball, dau/ John Kimball & Mary Bradstreet
d. 16 Mar 1713/14 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

2. Joseph Esty
b. 5 Feb 1657/8

3. Sarah Esty
b. 30 Jun 1660 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

4. John Esty
b. 2 Jan 1662/3 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

5. Hannah Esty
b. 1667 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
d. 5 Nov 1741 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

6. Benjamin Esty
b. 29 Apr 1669 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

7. Samuel Esty
b. 25 Mar 1672 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
d. bef. 1709

8. Jacob Esty
b. 24 Jan 1674/5 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

9. Joshua Esty
b. 2 Jul 1678 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
d. bef. 1778 (when widow, Abigail m. 2) William Poole)

Will of Isaac Estie

Written March 26, 1709 Entered for probate June 11, 1712

"In the name o f God amen I, Isaac Estie senr. of Topsfield in the County of Essex in New England Cooper being at this present of perfect understanding and memory but sensible of my Declining years have thought good to make sum disposal of my Temporal Estate as followeth Commending my soul into ye hands of God ye maker and Redeemer of it whenever it shall please God to take me hense and my body to desent Interment.

1. My will is y^t^ my son Isaac have all ye land which he is already posest of being on ye south side of Ipswich river which I reckon to be about forty acres of upland and four of meadow be it more or less. My will is y^t^ he & his heirs forever have ye land aforesaid togather with what he hath had of my movable estate.

2. As for my son Joseph my will is y^t^ besides what I have already Done for him about building or in Cattle or in purchasing Land which hath been Considerable —— he shall have half of my wearing apparel at my Decease.

3. As for my son John he hath already what I intended for him in full & hath signified the same by writing under his hand.

4. As for my son Benjamin my will is y^t^ he and his heirs forever have ye house & land adjacent, which I formerly designed for my son Joshua. My meaning is y^t^ he have ye value of ye said house and land y^t^ is what was sold for to my neighboor John Robinson togather with the two cows which he hath had of me already which money for said House and Land he hath had already.

5. As for my son Jacob, my will is y^t^ he & his heirs forever have my now dwelling house, together with barn, and other buildings with my orchards, plow lands pasture lands and meadows not already otherwise disposed of together with all my Implements of husbandry, weaving or Copering also my will is y^t^ my son Jacob have ye whole of my movable estate y^t^ shall be left at my decease he taking off & discharging my funeral expenses whom I do appoint sole Executor of this my last will whom I do appoint to pay my grandchild Sarah Gill ten pounds in pay not in money, nor as money, also my son Jacob and his heirs forever shall have all my right in cart or drift way as expressed by deeds.

6. As for my son Joshua for whom I procured a trade

and payde some debts for him, my will is y^t besides what I have already done for him he have at my decease y^t other half of my wearing apparel eaqually dividing ye same with brother Joseph which is all I can do for him.

As for my daughter Sarah Irellan she had her full propotion out of my estate upon her marriage in Cattle bedding or otherwise.

As for my daughter Hannah I have on her marriage with George Abbot of Andover payed her ye full of w^t I intended for her excepting twenty pounds in pay which I thought she should have at my decease payd her by my son Jacob, but inasmuch as my son Jacob hath payd her about seven pounds & ten shillings of ye twenty pounds already there remains only about twelve pounds ten shillings in pay due to her by my son Jacob at or before or within one year of my decease and in testimony of ye * * * I ye said Isaac Estie senr hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of March in ye year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & nine and in ye seventh year of ye reign of Anne of Great Brittain France & Ireland Queen.

Signed, sealed and declared
to be ye last will of Isaac Estie senr
as above said in presence of us

John How — Isaac Estie senr
Abraham How
Joseph Capen

Codicill

Sarah Gill to have but five pounds
twenty fourth day of January 1710/11.

Admitted to probate June 11, 1712.

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THE WITCHCRAFT DELUSION

The belief in witchcraft goes back to the dawn of history. In 1484, Pope Innocent VIII appointed three inquisitors who prepared a book called "Malleus Malificarum" in which they set forth their beliefs in witchcraft and everything pertaining to it. Their theory was that the Devil, being an evil spiritual power, operated through human beings which were called witches. The witch, assumed to have sold her soul to the Devil, was given certain powers and, in return, agreed to do his bidding in injuring other people. This belief spread over Europe and, during the 16th and 17th centuries, many innocent people were burned at the stake or hanged from the public gallows.

During witchcraft trials in Suffolk, England, Sir Mathew Hale wrote a paper interpreting the vague English laws and prepared a legal form to be used in witchcraft trials brought before the court. These forms and subsequent printed reports were the models used in the witchcraft trials at Salem, Massachusetts during the 1690's. In order to defeat the Devil and stop his dastardly deeds, it would be necessary to seek out and kill the witches who carried out his orders. Well educated men who served as ministers, judges and lawyers as well as laymen were caught up in their eagerness to "serve the Lord" and rid their communities of witches.

Witchcraft trials in America did not sweep across the ocean and continue in New England at the same rate being conducted in Europe. The reason, in part, may have been because there was too much work to be done in the new country. The best efforts of all, including the children, were needed to provide food, clothing and housing for the many families.

Many had come to America to escape religious persecution, but all of their old superstitions were not left behind; they still believed in witches. Laws against witchcraft providing for execution were enacted in the Massachusetts Bay Colony as early as 1636 and 1641. There may have been a few early trials, but the first execution occurred in Charleston in 1648. A Margaret Jones was convicted of witchcraft and executed. Another conviction and execution took place in Hartford, and in 1651, a Mary Parsons, obviously an insane person, was brought to trial. She was accused of witchcraft and of having murdered her child. She was executed, not for witchcraft, but for murder. These were isolated cases and very little attention was given to the belief in witchcraft until the infamous Salem trials and executions forty or fifty years later.

During the year, 1692, many men and women (mostly women) were hanged. Three of the victims caught up in this fanatic frenzy were daughters of William Towne and his wife, Joanna Blessing; seventy-one year old Rebecca Nurse; fifty-eight year old Mary Estey, and fifty-four year old Sarah Cloyse.

What had happened to cause this resurgence of witch hunting in America, and why was this madness confined principally to Salem Village? The match that lit the tinder that started the fire may have been an old Indian servant in the household of the Rev. Samuel Parris, ex-merchant in the West Indies who had removed to Salem Village in the late 1680's bringing with him his servants, Tituba, an Indian

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woman, and her husband. This old woman was well versed in Voo-doo and strange stories. During the long winter months, she began to tell fortunes and read palms to a small group of servants and, later, to a small gathering of village women and children. In a short time, some of these impressionable young people began to exhibit strange behaviors. They crawled around on the floor, emitted strange sounds, shook and trembled with nightmare fears; a very frightening aspect to the members of the community. Many still harbored their old witchcraft beliefs. A Dr. Gregg was called in to examine the children. His opinion - witchcraft. The children were bewitched.

The trials and tribulations of the victims of Witchcraft in Salem Village and the surrounding towns began in February of 1692. Three women were accused of witchcraft: Goody Good,[2] Goody Osburn and Tituba, the old black Indian servant were brought in for questioning. Warrants based on the accusations of "afflicted" children who said harm had come to them from these women, had been sworn out and the women were lodged in jail. The evidence presented was flimsy, to say the least. Two of the women protested their innocence, saying that they had not hurt the children or anyone else, but Tituba said that she did serve the Devil, that she knew the other two women were witches, rode around on brooms and did all sorts of things to hurt people. After five days of examination of the teen-age witnesses and the mother of one, an Ann Putnam, wife of Thomas Putnam, the women were sent to jail in Boston. Sarah Osburn died in jail and in June, Sarah Good was again tried, convicted and hanged on the 19th day of July. The old Indian servant was not hanged, she had testified against the other two. She languished in jail for a year, at which time she was sold into slavery and left the country. The basis of this act was because she owed board and room to the community for the time spent in jail. Her former master, Rev. Parris refused to pay the charges and take her back into his household.

In the meantime, back in Salem, other accused "witches" were brought to Court. One of these was Rebecca Nurse/Nourse, wife of well-to-do Francis Nurse and the eldest daughter of William and Joanna Towne. Martha Corey and even little Dorcas Good, the five year-old daughter of Sarah Good were brought in and examined. Despite protestations of innocence, all three were sent to the Boston jail.

Word of these proceedings spread like wildfire; excitement in the village exploded. Ministers denounced the accused from their pulpits and on April 11, 1692, the Deputy Governor with six magistrates appeared in Salem to hold Court. The same ridiculous charges of the "afflicted" children were presented to the Court. This time, the evidence was much more convincing. The young teen-agers, who had never in their lives had so much attention, really put on a show for the judges. They began to scream when the accused were brought into the room; they writhed in pain, one or two went into convulsions and dropped to the floor. To the judges, this was real evidence that these children were bewitched.

The first of the Towne sisters to be arrested was Rebecca Nurse, an elderly woman in poor health. Charges were brought by Edward Putnam, brother of Thomas Putnam whose wife, Ann, and their daughter, Ann, had figured so prominently in the earlier trials. Rebecca bore her trial with dignity and patience while the charges of the "afflicted" children and the adults were presented to the judges who badgered her unmercifully. The jury reviewed the testimony and returned a verdict of "not guilty." Then, such a clamor arose in the courtroom that the Judges sent the jury out again and practically ordered them to bring in a verdict of "guilty" which they did. Rebecca was placed in chains, taken to the church where she was ex-communicated, even though she had been an exemplary member of the congregation for years. Then, she was lodged in jail and subsequently hanged on July 19, 1692. After the crowd left, her sons stole her body to insure proper burial.

The second sister, Sarah Cloyse was persecuted because of her suspicious actions in church. When the minister, from the pulpit, began to berate Rebecca, her sister, Sarah, a sensitive, nervous person could stand it no longer and removed herself from the church. As she left, a puff of wind slammed the door shut behind her. Sarah was tried for witchcraft and sent to jail.

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[2]"Goody" meaning Goodwife, was a term used in those days instead of the more familiar Mrs. we use today.

Warrants and commitments followed in rapid succession. On April 18th, 1692 three more were arrested, and two days later, the third Towne sister, Mary Estey, was picked up along with William Hobbs and his wife, Deliverance, Nehemiah Abbot, Jr., Sarah Wilds of Topsfield, Edward Bishop and his wife, Mary, Mrs. Philip English of Salem and Mary Black, a negro servant in Salem Village were examined and committed. Nehemiah Abbott, Jr. was the only person brought before the magistrates who was formally dismissed by them. Thomas Putnam was so incensed that he wrote a letter to the magistrates with a warning that "high and dreadful" things might come to them. Then, he set about obtaining warrants for three more and charged them with a "confederacy with the Devil." One after another was hauled into Court. Some fifty persons were tried and sent to jail including Captain John Alden of Boston, son of the Plymouth pilgrim. He broke out of jail and removed himself from the area. During this time, Sarah Cloyse was released. Her husband immediately moved his family out of the county. Mary Estey, too, was released and returned to her home in Topsfield. As soon as the "afflicted children" heard of this, they went into terrible fits. A second warrant was issued for Mary Estey. She was hauled out of bed at midnight and taken to jail in Salem. As soon as she was safely in jail and in chains, the children returned to normal. This was proof positive that a real witch had been caught in the net. This time, Mary was convicted and, with seven others, hanged on the public gallows in Salem. Despite her well-written petitions to the magistrates and the pleas of mercy presented by high ranking members of the community who vouched for her character, an innocent life, one of many, was snuffed out.

The madness went on unabated, the "afflicted children" became bolder in their accusations. They were supported by a few of their parents until, at last, they went too far. They accused the wife of the Governor and the wife of a minister at Beverly, a neighboring town. By January of 1693, the Superior Court brought twenty-one to trial, condemned three, executed no one. Sanity had returned to the Colony. In May of that year, a proclamation was issued and the jails were emptied of all those accused of witchcraft.

This witchcraft madness was not brought on entirely by religious fanaticism or the ranting and ravings of deluded children who had been frightened by the Voo-doo tales of a West Indies servant woman and the resurgence of belief in the Devil and his handmaidens. The real roots ran deep and can be traced back twenty years or more when arguments arose over boundary lines between Salem Village and Topsfield. Bitter feelings between a few men, principally the Putnams of Salem Village and the Towne men of Topsfield had long existed. As early as November 1639, the General Court adopted the following order:

"Whereas, the inhabitants of Salem have agreed to plant a village neare the ryver which runs to Ipswich, it is ordered that all the land near theire bounds, between Salem and the said ryver, not belonging to any other towne or person by a former grant shall belong to the said village." It appears that about the same time, inhabitants of Ipswich had also applied for permission to plant a village near the Ipswich River. Both requests were granted but the recording secretary, Increase Norwell, made an error when he recorded the grants made to Salem only.

John Putnam of Salem and his sons occupied a large tract of land, a thousand acres or more, extending to the Ipswich River, while on the northerly side of the river, nearer Ipswich, several families from Ipswich had set up a small settlement before 1641, as Rev. William Knight was "dispensing the word of God unto them that year."

The selectmen of Salem, on May 30, 1649, granted to Walter Price and Thomas Cole, both of Salem, one hundred and forty acres of land near the Ipswich River which was near the highway to Andover, land that afterwards was decided to be within the bounds of Topsfield. Later, Price and Cole sold this land to Thomas and Nathaniel Putnam; then Thomas conveyed his part to his son, Edward Putnam. This section was to the north and the nearest to the commons and the undivided land of Topsfield. Within a few years, disputes began to arise over the boundary lines. Topsfield decided to divide the common land belonging to the town. Plots were drawn by lot and those lying nearest the land held by the Putnams passed into the hands of Edmund Towne and Frances Peabody. The Putnams claimed that their tract lay within the bounds of Salem and refused to pay taxes to Topsfield. Twelve years before the beginning of the witchcraft trials in Salem, suits and counter suits for trespass were filed in the

Courts of Salem. In a suit to re-establish the bounds of Topsfield, the town won its case, part of the lands of the Putnams was determined to be within the bounds of Topsfield, and therefore they owed taxes to the town. This decision did not settle the matter and, in 1687, a suit was brought by Thomas Towne, Isaac Estey Sr., Isaac Estey, Jr., John Towne and Joseph Towne, Jr. They testified that Putnam men and their kin were cutting timber within the Topsfield bounds and on land belonging to Topsfield men. The court ordered Capt. John Putnam to quit, to which he replied, "...the tymber yt is her cutt down on my orders & I will Keep Cutting & Careing away from This Land till next March."

The land in question belonged to Thomas Towne. The Court decided in favor of the Topsfield men and the case was closed. Nevertheless, Putnam men continued to cut timber on Topsfield land and the feelings became more bitter.

The Putnam men were an aggressive, argumentative lot always ready for a fight. They promptly filed a suit for trespass against the Topsfield committee saying that these men were trespassing on Putnam land. Each time they filed a suit, they based their claim on the wording of the original 1639 grants. Several suits and counter suits followed. During the October 1683 session of the General Court, the final verdict was in favor of Topsfield. Nevertheless, Putnam men continued to cut trees on Topsfield land and the feelings became more bitter.

The arrest of the original three Salem women accused of witchcraft in February 1692 provided an opportunity to settle old scores. Rebecca Towne Nurse of Topsfield was an early victim. Her sisters, Sarah Cloyse and Mary Estey were soon lodged in the same jail.

The Putnam men, Edward, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Capt. John, his son, John, John's wife, Hannah, Thomas, his wife, Ann, and their twelve year old daughter, Ann, were among those whose testimony helped convict many poor souls accused of witchcraft.

It was nearly twenty years before the names of all those accused of witchcraft were cleared in the Court Records. Two of the bills presented to the Court are included here:

Order for bringing in a bill to reverse the attainder of Abig^{a} Faulkner &^{c} of Witchcraft.

In the House of Represenatives

July 21th 1703.

In Answer to the Petitions of Abigail ffaulkner, and Sundry of the Inhabitants of Andover, in the behalfe of Sundry persons in and late of s^{d} Town, & elsewhere, who in the year 1692 were Jndicted, accused, and Condemned, & many of them Executed for the crime of Felony by witchcraft. And whereas it is Conceived by many worthy and pious Persons that the Evidence given against many of the s^{d} condemned Persons was weak and insufficient as to Taking away the lives of Sundry so condemned &c. Wherefore it is thought meet and it is hereby Ordered, That a Bill be drawn up for Preventing the like Procedure for the future, and that no spectre Evidence may hereafter be accounted valid, or sufficient to take away the life, or good name, of any Person or Persons within this Province, and that the Infamy, and Reproach, cast on the names and Posterity of the s^{d} accused and Condemned Persons may in Some meesure be Roll'd away

Sent up for Concurrence. Jam^{s} Converse Speaker.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 135, p. 109.

Petition of Isaac Estey and Others.

Pet^{on} of Ira Faulkner &^{c}

To his Excellency the Governour, and Councill, and Representatives, now in Generall Court Assembled: at Boston:

The Petition of severall of the Inhabitants of Andover, Salem village & Topsfield, humbly sheweth:

That whereas in the year 1692 some of your Petitioners and the near Relations of others of them, viz: Rebecca Nurse, Mary Estey, Abigail Faulkner, Mary Parker, of Andover, John Procter & Elizabeth his wife: Elizabeth How, Samuell Wardwell & Sarah his wife: were accused of Witchcraft by certain possessed persons, and thereupon were apprehended and Imprisoned, and at a Court held at Salem were condemned upon the evidence of the aforesaid possessed persons: and sentence of Death hath been executed on them (except Abigail Faulkner, Elizabeth Procter & Sarah Wardwell) of whose Jnnocency those that knew them are well satisfyed. And whereas the invalidity of the aforesaid evidence and the great wrong which (through Errors & mistakes in those tryalls) was then done hath since plainly appear'd, which we doubt not but this Hono^{r} Court is sensible of: Your Petitioners being dissatisfyed and grieved, that (besides what the aforesaid condemned persons have sufferred in their persons and Estates) their Names are Exposed to Infamy and reproach, while their Tryall & condemnation stands upon Publick Record: We therefore humbly Pray this Hono^{r} Court, that something may be Publickly done to take off Infamy from the names, and memory of those who have suffered as aforesaid, that none of their surviving Relations, nor their Posterity may suffer reproach upon that account. And yor Petitioner shall ever pray &c.—

Dated March 2^{d} $170\frac{2}{3}$

Francis Faulkner	Abigail How
Abigail Faulkner	Isaac Estey
Phebe Robinson	Samuel Nurse
Samuel Wardwel	John Tarbel
Sarah Wardwel	John Nurse
John Parker	Peter Cloys Senr
Joseph Parker	Isaac Estey Junr
Nathaniel Dane	Sarah Gill
Francis Dane	Rebecca Preston
Mary Hoar	Thorndick Procter
	Benjamin Procter

In the House of Representatives March 18th 1702. Read and sent up.

Mass. Archives Vol. 135, p. 108.

WILLIAM TOWNE (1598-1672) - JOANNE BLESSING (c1600-1682)[1]

Mary Estey's father was William Towne, son of John and Elizabeth Towne of Norfolk County, England. He was baptized at St. Nicholas Parish, Great Yarmouth in Norfolk County, March 18, 1598/9. Twenty-one years later, on March 25, 1620, he married Joanna Blessing in St. Nicholas Parish. Six of their children were baptized here: Rebecca, February 21, 1621; John, February 16, 1624; Susanna, October 20, 1625; Edmund, June 23, 1628; Jacob, March 11, 1832; Mary, August 24, 1634. The two younger children, Sarah and Jacob were born in New England.

The exact year that the Towne family came to America has not been established, but we do know that they were in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts as early as 1640 when William Towne was awarded a grant of land far from the center of town, the area that is called Northfield. The church and the minister's home was usually the hub of each town and the first grants were those nearest the center of town; the later the grant, the farther it was from the church or minister's home. Salem was incorporated in 1630 so it had been growing for ten years when the Towne family decided to make Salem their home.

Topsfield, about ten miles north west of Salem was incorporated in 1648. Three years later, William Towne purchased a 40 acre tract of land in Topsfield and subsequently moved his family there.

The earliest known list of men in Topsfield was a record made in 1661 which named 30 commoners who were then entitled to share in common land. After the original grants had been made to the proprietors (earliest settlers who owned land), that which remained was held "in common" to be used by the land owners for grazing of animals, cutting of timber that was for the use of the town, etc. As needed, portions of the common land would be divided. To be eligible for a share, one must have either been given an original grant or purchased land from the owner of the orginal grant.

On this first list, we find the names of William Towne and two of his sons, Edmund and John. William built his house in Topsfield on what is now main street and spent the rest of his live there.

William died in 1672 and the administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Joanna. In 1653, William had deeded two-thirds of his dwelling house, land around it, the barn, garden and orchards to his son, Jacob, who was about to be married. After the death of William, Jacob was to have the privilege of buying the other third if he so desired. No division of William's property was made until after the death of Joanna in 1682. Final settlement of the estate of William and Joanna was made on January 17, 1683 and allowed by the Court, April 10, 1683. The land was divided equally between the three living sons, Edmund, Jacob and Joseph. The death of the eldest son, John, occurred before that of his father. As was the custom in those days, the movables were divided between the daughters, Rebecca, Mary and Sarah.

Mercifully, the deaths of William and Joanna occurred before the mad witchcraft trials began and they did not have to suffer through those terrible trials of their three daughters which included ex-communication from the church and the disgrace and pain of the executions.

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[1]Stevens, Eleanor H (Galvin), **History of the Stevens Family of Boston and Taunton**

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname TOWNE

HUSBAND William Towne, Emigrant Ancestor to America
Born (bp) 18 Mar 1598/90 Yarmouth, Norfolk, England
Married 25 Apr 1620 Yarmouth, Norfolk, England
Died 1672/73 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Buried
Husband's Father John Towne Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Joanna Blessing
Born c1600 Yarmouth, Norfolk, England
Died by 1682/3 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Rebecca Towne
   b. (bp) 21 Feb 1621 Yarmouth, England
   m. 24 Aug 1644 Francis Nurse/Nourse
   d. 19 Jul 1692 Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts

2. John Towne
   b. (bp) 16 Feb 1624 Yarmouth, England
   m. never married

3. Susanna Towne
   b. (bp) 20 Oct 1625 Yarmouth, England
   m. never married

4. Edmund Towne
   b. (bp) 28 Jun 1628 Yarmouth, England
   m. c1652 Mary Browning
   d. 3 May 1678 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

5. Jacob Towne
   b. (bp) 11 Mar 1632 Yarmouth, England
   m. 20 Jun 1657 Catherine Symonds in Topsfield
   d. 27 Nov 1704 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

**6. Mary Towne
   b. (bp) 24 Aug 1634 Yarmouth, England
   m. bef. 1655 Isaac Esty in Massachusetts
   d. 22 Sep 1692 Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts

7. Sarah Towne
   b. (bp) 3 Sep 1638 Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts
   m. 11 Jan 1659 1) Edmund Bridges
   2) Peter Cloyes, son/John & Abigail
   d. c1703 Framingham, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts

Children of William Towne and Joanna

8. Joseph Towne
   b. (bp) 3 Sep 1639 Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts
   m. 1655/66 Phebe Perkins in Topsfield, Massachusetts
   d. 1713 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts

Source of Information:
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Eleanor H. (Galvin) Stevens, HISTORY OF THE STEVENS FAMILY OF TAUTON AND BOSTON, MASACHUSETTS
Dr. Ruby Gordon, Phoenix, Arizona letters 1985, 1986

ISAAC ESTEY/ESTY (1656-1714) - ABIGAIL KIMBALL (1667-1760)

The eldest child of Isaac Estey and Mary Towne was Isaac, born about 1656 in either Salem or Topsfield in Essex County, Massachusetts. When he became of age, he, with others, took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelty to Charles II, on January 11, 1677.

The following is the form of the freeman's oath as administered in 1634 and later years:

I, A. B. being by God's providence, an inhabitant & ffreeman within the jurisdiccon of this commonweale, doe heere sweare, by the greate & dreadfull name of the everlyveing God, that I will be true & faithfull to the same & will acordingly yeilde assistance & support thereonto, with my person & Estate, as in equity I am bound, and will also truely indeavor to mainetaine & preserve all the libertyes & previlidges thereof, submitting my selfe to the wholesome lawes & orders made & established by the same; and further that I will not plott or practise any evill against it, nor consent to any that shall soe doe, but will timely discover and reveal the same to lawfull authority, now here established, for the speedy preventing thereof. Moreover I doe solemnly bynde myselfe in the sight of God, that when I shall be called to give my voice touching any such matter of this state, wherein ffreemen are to deal, I will give my vote & suffrage, as I shall judge in myne owne conscience may best conduce and tend to the publique weale of the body without respect of persons, or favour of any man. Soe help me God, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Issac was thirty-three when, on October 14, 1689, he married Abigail Kimball, daughter of John and Mary (Bradstreet) Kimball. Abigail was born March 27, 1667. Her ancestry, like that of Isaac's was English. Her emigrant ancestor, Richard Kimball, came from Suffolk County, England as did Isaac's grandfather, Jeffery Esty. The Kimballs came to America in 1634, about the same time as the Estys and it is possible that the two families might have known each other in England.

Isaac and Abigail lived on a tract of land south of the Ipswich River. This was the land awarded to Isaac, Sr. when common lands of Topsfield were distributed to the commoners. They spent their entire lives in Topsfield and Isaac, like his father, became an active participant in the affairs of the town. For two years, 1689 and 1691, he was chosen surveyor of highways, Constable in 1694 and selectman in 1696.

When his mother, Mary (Towne) Estey was executed for witchcraft in 1692, Isaac was thirty-six years old and the father of two children--Mary, born February 15, 1691/92. Abigail, the second daughter, was born January 8, 1692/3, shortly before her grandmother, Mary, was arrested for witchcraft. In all, ten children were born to Abigail and Isaac in Topsfield between the years of 1691 and 1712. 1) Mary; 2) Abigail; 3) Sarah, born October 4, 1694; 4) Isaac, born Novmber 20, 1696; 5) Aaron, born February 16, 1698/99; 6) Jacob, born June 28, 1700; 7) Hannah, born May 18, 1702; 8) Richard, baptised April 7, 1706; 9) Rebecca, baptised August 8, 1708 and 10) Moses, baptized September 6, 1712.

Issac died in the spring of 1714, leaving Abigail with six of her children under the age of fifteen. His will, written March 16, 1713/14, was entered for probate on May 3, 1714. Four years after the death of Isaac, Abigail married William Poole of Reading, Massachusetts. She died on February 12, 1760 in Topsfield and was buried there.

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Family Group Sheet

Surname ESTY

HUSBAND Isaac Esty, Selectman, Constable of town of Topsfield, Essex Co., MA
Born c1656 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Married 14 Oct 1689 Topsfield, Massachusetts
Died May 1714 Topsfield, Massachusetts
Buried
Husband's Father Isaac Esty Mother Mary Towne
Husband's other wives

WIFE Abigail Kimball
Born 22 Mar 1667 Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts
Died 12 Feb 1760
Buried
Wife's Father John Kimball Mother Mary Bradstreet
Wife's Other Husbands 25 Apr 1717 William Poole

Children: (All born in Topsfield, Essex Co., Massachusetts)

1. Mary Esty
   b. (bp) 15 Feb. 1691/92
   m. 10 Sep 1717 John Perkins

2. Abigail Esty
   b. (bp) 8 Jan 1692/3
   m. 22 May 1717 Joseph Cummings
   d. 20 Jan 1729 of smallpox

3. Sarah Esty
   b. 4 Oct 1694
   m. 1 Dec 1714 Capt.) Joseph Cummings
   d. bef 1751

4. Isaac Esty
   b. 20 Nov 1696

**5. Aaron Esty
   b. 16 Feb 1698/9
   m. 7 Jun 1723 Esther Richards at Lynn, Massachusetts
   d. 21 Apr 1783 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachuetts

6. Jacob Esty
   b. 28 Jun 1700

7. Hannah Esty
   b. 18 May 1702
   m. 5 Jan 1720/1 Isaac Cummings

8. Richard
   b. (bp) 7 Apr 1706
   m. 7 May 1728 Ruth Fiske, d/Wm. and Mary Fiske
   d. c1784

Childfen of Isaac Esty and Abigail

9. Rebecca Esty
   b. (bp) 8 Aug 1708
   m. 1 Nov 1729 1) Preserve Tucker of Stoughton
   7 Apr 1743 2) Matthias Puffe? of Stoughton

10. Moses Esty
   b. (bp) 6 Sep 1712
   m. 8 Sep 1736 Eunice Penguill

Source of Information:
Gay Esty Banks, ISAAC ESTY OF TOPSFIELD op. cit.

THE KIMBALLS[1]

The first of the Kimballs in this line to come to America was Richard Kimball, probably the son of Henry and Sysley Kimball of Hitcham, Suffolk County, England. He was born c1595. When he was about twenty-one years old, he married Ursula Scott, a daughter of Henry Scott and his wife, Martha Whitlock of Rattlesden. Eight of the eleven children of Richard and Ursula were born in England. They were baptized in the Parish of Rattlesden. The first child, Abigail, was baptized on November 5, 1617. Seven more children, Henry, Elizabeth, Richard, Mary, Martha, John and Thomas followed in close succession.[1]

The decision of Richard and Ursula to leave their English home and go to America involved more than the one family. On the ship "Elizabeth" which they boarded April 10, 1634, they were accompanied by Richard's brother, Henry Kimball, his wife and two children; Ursula's brother, Thomas Scott, his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children and Martha Scott, mother of Ursula and Thomas. Abigail, the eldest daughter, did not come at that time, she had married John Severans in England and came with him to New England in 1637. They settled in Salisbury, Massachusetts, where she died June 17, 1658.

The Kimball and Scott families came first to Watertown, Middlesex County,Massachusetts where Richard was given a home lot of six acres and ten more acres of upland. In 1636/37, he was called a proprietor (one of the first land owners in the town.)

When the Kimballs came to New England, Henry was fifteen, Elizabeth, thirteen, Richard, eleven, Mary, nine, Martha, five, John, three, and Thomas, one year old. Also travelling with them was a servant, John Laverick which indicates that Richard was a man of some means.

Richard was a skilled wheelwright and much in demand. He was invited to come to Ipswich near Salem in Essex County and, as an incentive, he was offered a house lot in town and forty acres of land. He moved his family there in 1637. He became a commoner of Ipswich in 1641. He was given "permission to cut twenty white oak trees on the common land to use in his trade for the town use."

Three more children were born to the Kimballs in Massachusetts; Sarah, born 1635 in Watertown; Benjamin, born in Ipswich 1637 and Caleb, born 1639 in Ipswich. John, the third son of Richard and Ursula also became a wheelwright and, at the age of twenty-four (1655) he married Mary Bradstreet, daughter of Humphrey and Bridgett Bradstreet who also came to America on the ship "Elizabeth", the same one that brought the Kimballs in 1634.

In 1648, Richard contributed three shillings as his annual share of fees paid for the services of their military leader. It is said that he served as a soldier under Major Denison in 1642 but the record was not found.

Although no record was found for the death of Ursula, she died sometime before October 23, 1661 because on that date, Richard married 2nd, Margaret (Cole) Dow, the widow of Henry Dow of Hampton, New Hampshire. Richard died June 22, 1675 and his will dated March 5, 1674 was entered for probate September 28, 1675. His sons, Richard and John were named executors.

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[1]Leonard Allison Morrison, **The Kimball Family** 1897 Windham New Hampshire

Second Generation

JOHN KIMBALL

John, the third son of Richard and Ursula Kimball, born in 1631 in England, was three years old when the Kimball and Scott families emigrated to New England. He grew up in Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts and, like his father, became a skilled wheelwright. In additon to following the trade, he bacame a land owner, bought and sold a number of tracts of land which were recorded in the county seat at Salem. He and his brothers became extensive farmers. John bought a share and a half in Plum Island, a long narrow strip of land just off the eastern coast of Essex County.

At the age of twenty-four (1655), John married Mary Bradstreet, daughter of Humprey and Bridgett Bradstreet who came to America on the ship "Elizabeth", the same one that brought the Kimballs in 1634. He became a member of the church in 1673 and because he was a landowner, became a voter in town affairs.

(Ipswich Deeds, Vol. IV, p. 12.)

WILL OF RICHARD KIMBALL

The last will and Testament of Richard Kimball sen of Ipswich in Essex in new England who although weake in body yet of prfect memory doe dispose of my lands & estate in manner & form as followeth.

To my Lovainge wife my will is that she shall dwell in my house and have the Improvement of my ground and meadow belonging thereto with the use and increase of my whole stock of cattle, one whole yeare after my decease, and then at the years end, the forty pound due to her acording to contract at marraige to be payd her and that hous-hold stuff she brought with her. And to have liberty to live in the parlor end of the house, the roome we now lodge in: and liberty for her necessary vse of some part of sellar: also the liberty of one cow in the pasture, the executors to provide winter meate for the same, and to have a quarter part of the fruit of the orchard, and firewood as long as she lives ther., And if she desire to remove to her owne house, then to be sett in it with what she have by my executors and to be alowed forty shillings yearly as long as shee lives.

And to my Eldest son Henry, my will is to give him three score and ten pounds to bee payd Twenty pounds, a year & half after my decease, & the remaining part in the two years following after that.

To my son Richard I give fforty pounds.

To my son John I give twenty pounds.

To my son Thomas I give Twenty five pounds to bee payd two years and a halfe after my decease, and to his children I give seaven pounds to be devided equally among them and paid as they come of age or at day of marriage provided if any dye before then their share to be distributed equally amongst the rest.

And to my son Benjamin, besides the two oxen, allready received I give the sum of twenty five pounds, ten pound to be payd a yeare and a halfe after my decease. The rest the two years ffollowing, also to his children I give five pounds, equally to devyded, and payd, as they come of age, or at day of marriage, in case any dye before, that part to be equally divided to the rest.

And to my son Caleb I give that peace of land knowne by the name of Tings lott, and all my land att Wattells neck with my marsh at the hundreds knowne by the name of Wiatts marsh, and all my working tools exsept two axes, all to be delivered present

after my discease also I give fourteene pounds to his seaven children equally to be devided, to be payd as they come of age or at Day of marriage, and if any dye before, that part to be equally devided amongst the rest.

To my son-in-law John Severns, I give ten pounds to be pay'd two yeares & a halfe after my decease.

An do my Daughter Elizabeth, I give thirty pounds, ten pound to be payd, a year & halfe after my decease, and the other two parts, the two following years after that.

To my Daughter Mary I give ten pounds, five pound to be payd a year & halfe after my decease, the other five pound the year after that.

To my daughter Sarah I give forty pound, five pound to be payd the yeare & halfe after my decease and the rest five pound a yeare till it be all payd, also to her children I give seaven pounds ten shillings to be payed to them as they come of age or at day of marriage, if any dye before, that part to be equally devyded to the rest.

An to my daughter Sarah above sd; I also give the bed I lye on with the furniture after one years use of if by my wife.

To my wives children vis. Thomas, Jerimiah, and Mary.

To Thomas and Mary I give forty shillings apeece to be payd a yeare & halfe after my decease, to to Jerimiah I give fifteene pounds to be payd at the age of one & twenty. I give also eight pounds to the two Eldest daughters of Gyes Cowes (that he had by his first wife) to be payd and equally devided to them at the age of sixteene, if either of them dye before then the whole to be given to that that remaines.

I also give four pounds to my Couzen Haniell Bossworth, And doe ordaine & apoynt my two sons above sd. Richard and John Kimball to be my lawfull and sole executors.

And my Couzen Haniell Bosworth above syd to be my overseer that this my last will and Testament be duely and truly performed And thus I conclude with setting too my hand and seale the fifth of march 1674-5

Richard Kemball & a mark and a seale

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Moses Pengry Senr.
Aron Pengry Ser.

AARON ESTEY (1698-1783) - ESTHER RICHARDS (1705-1805)

Aaron, eldest son of Isaac Estey and Abigail Kimball, was born in Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts on February 16, 1698/9. Aaron was one of ten children, all born in Topsfield between the dates of 1691 and 1714.

At the age of twenty -five, Aaron married Esther Richards on June 7, 1723. She was the daughter of Crispus Richards and his wife, Sarah Collins of Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts. Esther, like Aaron, was of English descent and the fourth generation of Richards in America. Her great-grandfather, Edward Richards, was born June 20, 1616 in Plymouth, Devon County, England. He married Susanna Hunting in 1638 in Massachusetts. He died at the age of seventy-four in Lynn. (Corp.) John Richards, Esther's grandfather, born 1644, married, November 18, 1674, Mary Brewer. He spent his life in Lynn. Her father, Crispus Richards, born October 20, 1681, married Sarah Collins December 21, 1702. Sarah was born August 10, 1678. They, too, spent their entire lives in Lynn.

Aaron and Esther were the parents of twelve children, Isaac who died young; Aaron died in the French and Indian War; Hannah; Mary; Isaac #2; Abigail; Esther who died young; Aaron #2, named for his brother who died in the war; William #2, named for his brother William, who died just three years before the birth of the second William. At least three of these children removed to New Hampshire in the 1770's. Isaac may have been the first of these children to leave Massachusetts. He went to Keene, Chesire County, New Hampshire about 1770.

Aaron died in Topsfield on April 21, 1783 at the age of 85. Esther survived her husband for twenty two years and died in Topsfield on July 23, 1805 at the age of 100 years and sixteen days.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ESTY

HUSBAND Aaron Esty/Estey
Born 16 Feb 1698/9 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Married 7 Jun 1723 Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts
Died 21 Apr 1783 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Buried
Husband's Father Isaac Esty Mother Abigail Kimball
Husband's other wives

WIFE Esther Richards
Born 19 Aug 1705 prob. Southboro, Massachusetts
Died 4 Sep 1805 Topsfield, Essex County, MA at 100y 16d
Buried
Wife's Father Crispus Richards Mother: Sarah Collins
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (All born in Essex County, Massachusetts)

1. Isaac Esty
   b. 23 Jan 1723/24 died, young

2. Aaron Esty
   b. 18 Jan 1724/25
   d. 1754 French War

3. Hannah Esty
   b.
   m. 2 Feb 1753 Enos Towne

4. Mary Esty
   b. 1 Jun 1730
   m. 27 Feb 1750/51 Benjamin Dwinnel
   d. 5 Mar 1820 Keene, Cheshire, New Hampshire

** 5. Isaac Esty
   b. 30 Sep 1731
   m. 25 Sep 1755 Hannah Smith

6. Abigail Esty
   b. (bp) 5 May 1734
   d. 24 Feb 1737

7. Esther Esty
   b. (bp) 4 Jul 1736
   d. 28 Feb 1737

8. William Esty
   b. (bp) 11 Dec 1737
   d. 13 Mar 1745

9. Daniel Esty
   b. 4 May 1739

Children of Aaron Esty and Esther

10. Esther Esty
    b. 29 Jun 1741
    m. 12 Nov 1761 David Balch settled in Keen, NH

11. Aaron Esty
    b. 18 Jan 1745/46

12. William Esty
    b. 2 Aug 1748

Source of Information:
Gay Esty Banks, ISAAC ESTY OF TOPSFIELD op. cit.

ISAAC ESTEY (1732-1807) - HANNAH SMITH (1730-1807)

Isaac Estey, the fifth child, and third son of Aaron Estey and his wife, Esther Richards, was born September 30, 1732 in Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts. For his wife, he chose Hanna Smith, daughter of Jacob Smith, of Boxford, Essex County. Boxford is the first town to the north-west of Topsfield. Hannah was baptized April 5, 1730 in Boxford. Isaac and Hannah resided in Topsfield for the next fifteen years. Their first three children, born in Topsfield were: Stephen, born April 14, 1756; Abigail, born September 5, 1758, died the following year; and Hannah, born August 9, 1760.

About 1770, the family removed to Keene, Chesire County, New Hampshire. Three more children were born to them in Keene: Isaac, born August 7, 1771; Esther, born ____ ; and Sarah, born April 28, 1774. The town of Keene was incorporated in 1753, eighteen years before New Hampshire became the 9th state of the newly formed Union. The population of Keene in 1775 was about 750 men, women and children.

Issac was a free-mason, a member of the New Hampshire Committee of Safety and a Sergeant in the Keene Foot Company. He was one of 37 signers of a resolution to "join American Brethren in defending lives, liberties and properties." In November of the same year, he was one of 34 to sign a petition relative to inoculations for small-pox. He was one of 18 to present a claim for service in the late war. The claim was approved and he was paid £1-8s. June 30, 1788 was the day appointed by the inhabitants of Keene to celebrate the ratification of the Federal Constitution.

Isaac and Hannah's youngest child, Sarah "Sally," married Henry Davison in September of 1793. Henry was the son of Daniel Davison and his second wife, Martha Harrington.

Isaac and Hannah removed to Readsboro, Bennington County, Vermont where they both died; Hannah on March 15, 1807 and Isaac eight months later on November 15, 1807.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ESTY/ESTEY

HUSBAND Isaac Esty/Estey
Born 30 Sep 1731 Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts
Married 25 Sep 1755
Died 15 Nov 1807 Readsborogh, Bennington County, Vermont
Buried North Hill Cemetery, Bennington County, Virginia
Husband's Father Aaron Estey Mother Ester Richards
Husband's other wives

WIFE Hannah Smith
Born 1734 Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts
Died 15 Mar 1807 Readsboro, Bennington Co., VT (VT Death Records)
Buried North Hill Cemetery, Readsboro, Bennington Co., VT
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Stephen Esty
   b. 11 Apr 1756
   d. 13 Nov 1815 Keene, N. H.

2. Abigail Esty
   b. 3 Sep 1758
   d. 11 Jun 1759

3. Hannah Esty
   b. 9 Aug 1760

4. Isaac Esty
   b. 7 Aug 1771 Keene, N. H.
   m. 3 Apr 1794 Polly Warner
   d. 15 Oct 1839 Readsboro, Vermont

5. Esther Esty
   b. Keene, N. H.
   m. Abijah Wood

** 6. Sarah Esty
   b. 28 Apr 1774 Keene, N. H.
   m. 24 Sep 1793 Henry Davison

WALTER YEISLEY (1875-1966) - ALLIE BELLE COULTER (1879-1972)

Walter Allie Belle

Walter, only son of David Yeisley by his second wife, Medina (Sherer) Rich, was born October 23, 1875 near the little village of Arkoe, south of Maryville in Nodaway County, Missouri. He and a younger sister, Nora, were the only children of David and Medina. They attended the Arkoe rural school. Several years later when Nora married S.S. Kight and they moved to Jerome, Idaho, Walter was the only child left at home with the parents. He made a good working partner for David and they operated the farm together. He fully expected to follow in the footsteps of his father and, some day, become the owner of the farm on which he had grown to maturity.

On August 23, 1899, at the age of twenty-three, Walter married nineteen year old Allie Belle Coulter, daughter of Charles E. Coulter and his first wife, Ollie Hastings. Allie Belle was born September 3, 1879, in Essex, Page County, Iowa. At the time of her marriage, the Coulters were living on a farm near Bedison, just north-east of Arkoe. Walter's father was seventy-three years old, his mother was sixty-six, so it was only natural for him to bring his bride to the Yeisley homestead since Walter was badly needed to help farm the land.

In his younger days, Walter was a fun-loving young man with an ear for music. He taught himself to play the fiddle and often played at the square dances in the neighborhood. Allie Belle, although not as good in music, learned to play cords on the piano and accompanied her husband at the family song fests.

In a letter from Mary Yeisley Hubbard, only daughter of Walter and Allie Belle, she recalled some of the memories she has as a child in their home:

> *My father was the musician in our family. When he was a young man, he ordered a violin and instruction book from a mail order catalogue. He taught himself to play the violin and many square dance tunes. He and friends, who also played instruments, often met to practice and play square dance music together.*

My grandfather Coulter would always bring his violin when he came to visit us and then our house was really filled with music. He and Dad played for hours, all the square dance tunes they knew, with my Mother and/or my aunts chording on other instruments; Aunt Minnie Coulter played her guitar, Edna or Anna played on the piano and organ and Mother on the cello. (I remember how excited we all were when the cello came to Arkoe on the train by express. Dad had ordered it from the Montgomery Ward catalogue.)

Both Walter and Allie Belle were reared in homes where the parents were well conditioned to hard work and un-accustomed to the personal comforts enjoyed by those who grew up in the more modern towns and cities. They were self-reliant, honest, hard working, church going people. They expected their land to provide for most of their needs. Any moneytheyreceived came from the sale of livestock, surplus crops or the sale of cream, butter and eggs. They raised wheat, corn, oats and enough hay to feed the cattle during the winter. Corn, the principal crop, fed the prize hogs that Walter raised. "That's where the tall corn grows" applied, not only to the neighboring state of Iowa, but also to the farm of Walter Yeisley. (see snapshot of Walter standing beside a stalk of his corn with a group of healthy hogs nearby.

Walter planted rows of Osage Orange trees to serve as wind-breaks and to provide a ready supply of postsfromthe farm fences. The western boundary of the Yeisley farm followed the 102 River. One 3 acre tract of good timber along the river bank produced fire wood for them and their customers in town.

Walter, not only followed traditional methods of farming, but constantly sought to up-grade his methods. He was an avid reader, always searching for more modern ways of doing things. He mixed red clover with timothy hay, added alfalfa as a crop which, not only produced food for the cattle, but improved the soil by storing nitrogen in it. He tried buckwheat as a crop but soon gave that up. for awhile, he experimented with sheep raising but, it too, proved unsatisfactory. One crop that was profitable was kaffir corn which produced excellent feed for the chickens. As the flock increased, Walter bought a 300-egg incubator and later added another that held 105 eggs. Baby chicks could then be raised under controlled conditions.

Fruit trees were added to the original orchard planted by David and Medina. Blackberry bushes that grew wild along the fence rows were weeded and trimmed. A large garden included a strawberry patch. Potatoes and other root vegetables were stored for the winter. Cabbage was shredded, salted and pressed into large stone jars to make sauerkraut. Excess fruits and vegetables were canned and placed on shelves in the root cellar. As winter grew near, both hogs and beeves were butchered then the hams were smoked and cured. Pork fat was rendered in a big black kettle in the back yard and the lard was stored in 5-gallon cans. The beef was cooked and canned. Nothing was wasted.

They made farm improvements as time and money permitted, but Walter refused to go into debt. He said, "If you can't pay for it, don't buy it."

When the Farm Extension Bureau was set up in Nodaway County, Walter and Allie Belle attended the meetings and participated in the programs designed to improve the lot of the farmer; Walter to gain new ideas, Allie Belle to learn more about proper nutrition and pick up new and interesting recipes.

Three children were born to Walter and Allie Belle: Walter Cole, born September 5, 1900; Harry Lynn, born November 3, 1903 and Mary Violet, December 26, 1906, a Christmas package that arrived the day after Christmas in 1906. As the children became old enough, they attended the village school in Arkoe. After school and during the summers, they were assigned chores depending on their age and size. Before long, the boys were large enough to work in the fields and Walter had two sons to help with the planting and harvest. After graduation from high school, Cole went to Maryville to attend College. As soon as he married in 1925, he established a home of his own. Harry Lynn remained at home even after his marriage in 1929 to Florene Goforth, a Barnard girl whom he brought to the Yeisley home. Mary Violet also graduated from the Maryville Teachers College and taught for a number of years. She married Maurice Hubbard and they moved to Blair, Nebraska. They have a son, Larry. Harry Lynn and Florene's three children, Edmund, Oakley and Vivian grew up on their grandfather's farm. Later, the family moved to Lubbock, Texas where Harry served as foreman for many years in the power plant there.

The Yeisley family attended the Methodist Church in Arkoe where Allie Belle taught an adult Bible class for many years. She also headed the Women's Society for Christian Services in that church.

During research of the ancestors of James Walter Yeisley, the author made two trips to Missouri talked to several of the older people in the area who told her that, "Walter never allowed weeds to grow along the fence rows, that the barn was swept clean and that it was bird and mouse tight and, if a picture were taken of the house and barn today, just remember that it did not look like that when Walter and Allie Belle lived there."

After Walter retired from farming in 1957, he and Allie Belle bought a house in the Burlington Junction north-west of Maryville for which they paid $4,500.[1] During the next few months, they added insulation, storm windows, repaired the roof, insulated the water pipes and repaired the foundation of the house. A garage was built for a cost of $527.75. The date of each item of expense was entered in a ledger. Total cost of the house and repairs amounted to $6059.22. Life for the next eight years was easier for both of them.

Walter died on April 6, 1966 at the age of 90. Allie Belle survived her husband by six years. When it became necessary for her to be cared for in a nursing home, her daughter, Mary, found a place for her in Blair, Nebraska where she could visit her mother regularly and make sure that she was receiving good care. At her death on May 22, 1972, Allie Belle was 92 years old. Both she and her husband were buried in the Ohio Cemetery in Burlington Junction in Nodaway County, Missouri.

WALTER YEISLEY DIES AT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

Walter Yeisley, 90, Burlington Jct., died at 10:15 a. m. today at the St. Francis Hospital, following a brief illness. A retired farmer, he had lived all his life on a farm near Arkoe, until 8 years ago when the family moved to Burlington Jct.

Mr. Yeisley, who was a member of the Burlington Jct., Methodist Church, was born Oct. 23, 1874, to David and Medina Sherer Yeisley near Arkoe. He was married August 1899, to Allie B. Coulter, who survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Cole Yeisley, Coin, Ia., and Harry Yeisley, Lubbock, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Maurice Hubbard, Blair, Neb., seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Service arrangements are pending at the Hann Funeral Home, Burlington Jct.

YEISLEY

ALLIE B. 1879 - 1972

WALTER 1874 - 1966

Mrs. Allie Belle Yeisley

Mrs. Allie Belle Yeisley, 92, a former resident of Burlington Jct., died Monday at a rest home at Blair, Neb.

She was born Sept. 3, 1879, at Essex, Ia., the daughter of the late Charles E. and Ollie Hastinke Coulter. She also had formerly resided in the Arkoe community. Mrs. Yeisley was a member of the Burlington Jct. United Methodist Church.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Mary Hubbard, Blair; two sons, Walter Yeisley, Coin, Ia., and Harry Yeisley, Lubbock, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Lola Rockwell, Maryville, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Barr-Merrick Chapel, Burlington Jct., with the Rev. Lester Greenwood officiating. Burial will be in the Ohio Cemetery, Burlington Jct.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF NODAWAY.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THIS LICENSE authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record, or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel who is a Citizen of the United States,

TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE

Between Walter Yuieley *of* Arkoe *County of* Nodaway *and State of* Mo. *who is* over *the age of twenty-one years, and* Allie B. Boulter *of* Bedison *in the County of* Nodaway *and State of* Mo. *who is* over *the age of eighteen years.*

L. S.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Maryville, Mo., this 23rd *day of* August *189*7.

By ..... *Deputy.* Jno. T. Welch *Recorder.*

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
County of Nodaway }

This is to Certify, That the undersigned a minister of the Gospel *did, at* Maryville *in said County, on the* 23rd *day of* Aug *A. D. 189*7, *unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States, and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize marriage.*

Rev. E. B. Leytle

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for Record in my office on the 30th *day of* August *A. D. 189*7, *at* 3 *o'clock and* — *minutes* — *M.*

By Hattie Pierce *Deputy.* Jno. T. Welch *Recorder.*

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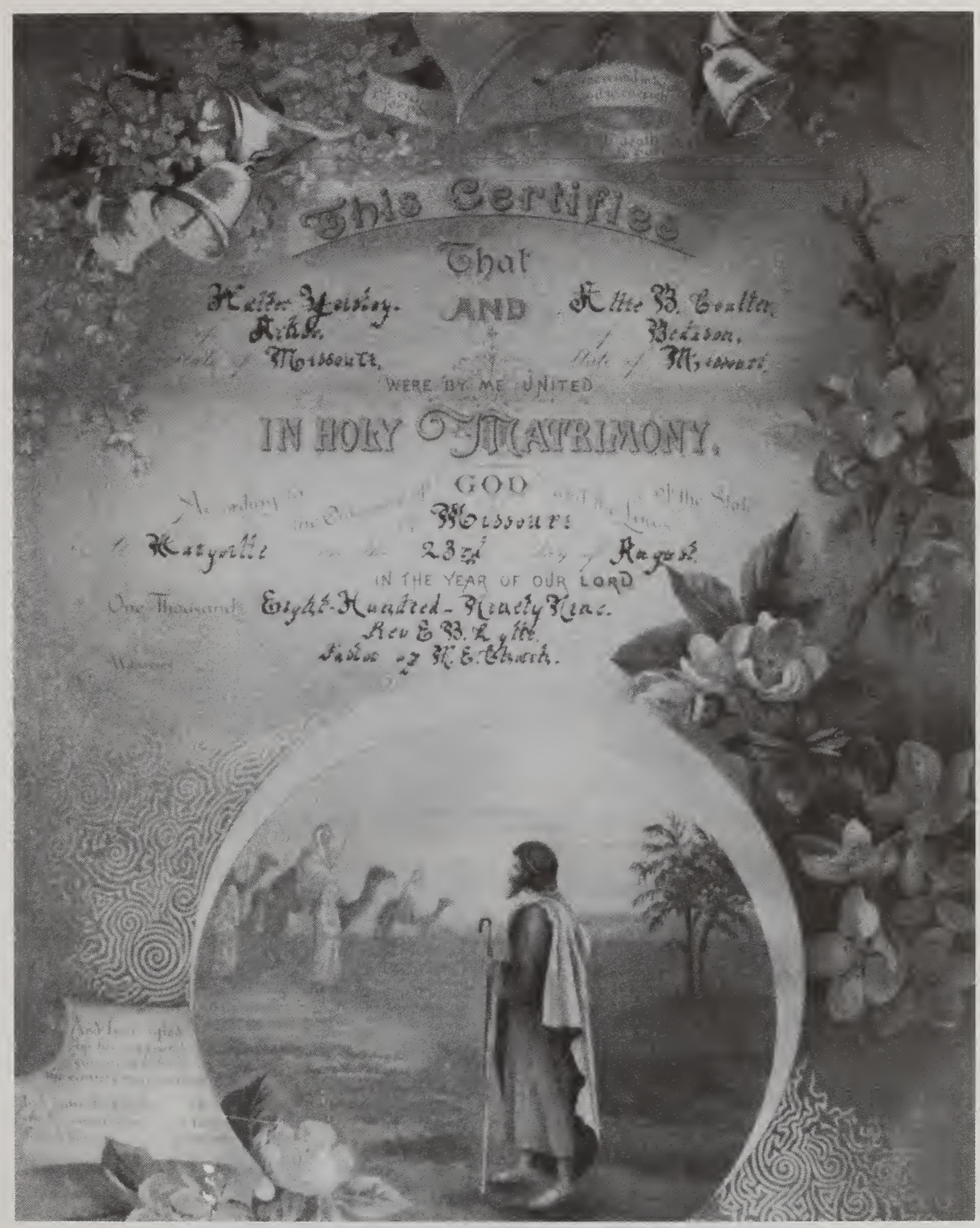


Marriage Certificate
Walter Yeisley - Allie Belle Coulter

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND Walter Yeisley, Farmer
Born 23 Oct 1875 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
Married 23 Aug 1899 Marriage Records, Nodaway County Courthouse
Died 6 Apr 1966 Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Ohio Cemetery, Burlington Junction, Nodaway County
Husband's Father David Yeisley Mother Medina Sherer
Husband's other wives

WIFE Allie Belle Coulter
Born 3 Sep 1879 Essex, Pate County, Iowa
Died 22 May 1972 Blair, Washington County, Nebraska
Buried Ohio Cemetery, Burlington Junction, Nodaway Co., MO
Wife's Father Charles E. Coulter Mother Ollie Hastings
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

**1. Walter Cole Yeisley
b. 5 Sep 1900 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
m. 1 Sep 1925 Pearl Davison at Savannah, Andrew County, Missouri
d. 18 Sep 1976 Coin, Page County, Iowa
bur. Elmwood Cemetery, Coin, Page County, Iowa

2. Harry Lynn Yeisley
b. 3 Nov 1903 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
m. 31 Aug 1929 Florene Goforth, dau/Wm. Goforth and Mollie Lucas
living 1986 Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

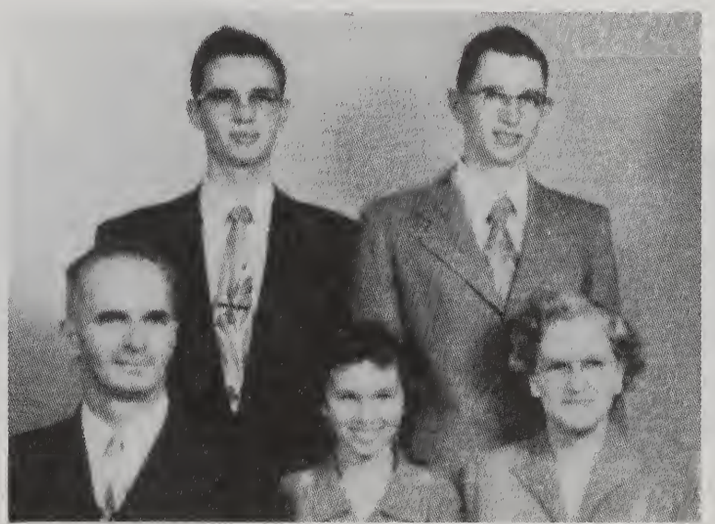
3. Mary Violet Yeisley
b. 26 Dec 1906 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
m. 7 Jun 1941 Maurice Hubbard son/William Hubbard and Blanche Goff
living 1986 Blair, Washington County, Nebraska

Cole Harry

Mary

Walter Harry Mary Cole Allie Belle

Harry Pearl Jim Cole Mary
Florene Walter Colleen Allie B. Joan
Edmund



Edmund Oakley
Harry Vivian Florene

The Yeisley Homeplace

Walter

Tall Corn Prize Hogs

Allie Belle Walter

Horse & Buggy Days

The New Ford Touring Car

Dec 12th 1956	Received down on Farm	$4000.00
Feb 28 1957	" Balance " "	24000.00 "
Nov 7-1957	" For timber tract	100.00 "

1917.	Purchased Farm and timber tract	12700.00 "
1918	Abstract on Farm when purchased	25.00 "
1918	Deeds with 9 acknowledgements	11.25 "
1957	Commission to Real Estate agent	560.00 "
1957	Abstract on farm when sold	13.50 "
1957	Federal Revenue	30.80 "

"Improvements on House & Grounds"

1920	Kitchen and Basement	$1000.00
1950	Storm doors and windows	101.10 "
1926	Cave	100.00 "
1932	Well	100.00 "
1922	20 rods sewer tile	52.50 "
1930	Bath room fixture	25.00 "
1949	Wiring House	200.00 "
1949	Master Switch on yard pole	10.50 "
1949	Insulating House	315.33 "
12-30-1949	To Vilylupek and Cummins for finishing up & turning on lights	6.80 "
		11.29

Improvements put on Farm.

1919	Wire Garage henhouse & barn	64.55
1918	Laying off tile ditch	3.00
1918	3685 tiling cost	152.81
1918	Labor laying tile	94.85
1947	First waterway (my half)	56.00
1947	Posts + wire to fence waterway	124.06
1950	Lumber for 2 bridges in lane	23.57
1954	Extending tile ditch outlet	114.26
1955	Terrace outlet (my half)	46.40
1955	Lumber to repair haymow floor	10.98
1955	Discing terrace outlet by E. Cobbins	5.00
1952	Orangeburg pipe + drain tile at barn	3.50
1934	Well in pasture	100.00
1938	Well at barn	100.00
1944	2 light poles to barn 20 ft. 5 in top 8 in. each =	10.00
1949	3 wires #8 400 ft long = 1200 ft. 05 per ft	60.00
1928	2 boxed brooder Houses	80.00
1904	Separator House.	36.06
1918	First Garage	95.48
		$1180 52
		20 00
		43 75
		$1244.27
		153.00
		$1397.27
1946	Concrete Calf pen and feed rack	

Feb 12-1957. Purchased House + 2 lots in B. Jct. $4500.00
Mar 29- " Insulating house 354.00
Apr 10 " Eleven Storm windows (Aluminum) 217.20
Apr to June " Lumber + wiring for upstairs 60.23
Oct 19 " 2 gal porch paint 5-gal asphalt roofing paint cement + sand 29.68
Oct + Nov " Wm Yates painted porch roofs $4.30
cemented around foundation of house $6.00 } = 12.90
and packed water pipes in basement 2.60 }
" Insulation for water pipes 6.06
Nov " Celophane covering for screen door 1.40

"Expenses"

Feb 12-1957. To Attys Ewing + Beaver for legal work 13.10
" 12 " Recording deed 1.90
$196.47

New Garage 527.75
Other improvements 335.00
6059.22

THE COULTER ANCESTORS

The great-grandfather of Allie Belle (Coulter) Yeisley was William Coulter who was born somewhere in Virgina between the years 1770 and 1780. By 1810, he was living in Monroe County, West Virginia when his son, Adam, was born. Monroe County was formed from Greenbriar County in 1799 which, before 1777, was a part of Montgomery County, Virgina.

During the early years before the Revolutionary War, the earliest pioneers, moving west, chose an unhabitated spot and staked their claims. These oldest of the old land titles were described in one of three ways, 1) marked trees (belted or deadened them) to enclose the spot they had chosen; 2) the "brush heap right" was named so because an immense pile of brush was gathered and piled up, the trees around the area were marked. This method appears to have been borrowed from the Cherokee Indians who marked the boundaries of their hunting grounds in this manner. A third kind of title was known as "the corn right." Early pioneers usually left their families on the eastern side of the mountain range when they explored new territory in the West searching for a new home in the wilderness. When they found a site they liked near a river or large creek, they cleared the area, planted a crop of corn, returned home, and the following spring, brought their wives and children to the wilderness home. During their absence, other pioneers, searching for sites of their own, did not trespass; the corn crop was regarded as a valid title.[1]

After the Revolutionary War, Virginia, whose early western boundary was the Pacific Ocean, opened a land office and began to issue warrants and land patents to her honored sons who had fought for her during the rebellion. Virginia respected the rights of the earliest pioneers and the above "land titles" were legalized. The first Circuit Superior Court held in Monroe County, West Virginia, convened at the Sweet Springs on May 19, 1800. Judge Archibald Steward serviced this district composed of the counties of Monroe, Greenbriar, Botetourt, Montgomery and Kanawha.

Before 1830, William Coulter took his family to Gallia County, Ohio and spent the rest of his days there. Adam grew up in Monroe County, West Virgina where his occupation, like that of his father, was farming. He married 1) February 21, 1833 Margaret "Patsy" Neal. She was born June 20, 1816 in Monroe County, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Neal. Four children, Emily, William N. John Pascal and Sarah Naomi were born to Adam and Patsy. About 1843, Patsy died.[2] On June 30, 1844, Adam married Rebecca Wiseman. Both were of Gallia County. Since both wives were born in Monroe County, West Virgina, one could assume that the Coulters, Neals and Wisemans were neighbors in that county and may have travelled together to their new homes in Gallia County, Ohio.

In 1815, Lawrence County Ohio was cut off from Gallia County. The 1850 Census of Lawrence County, Rome township, dwelling #124 lists:

Adam Coulter, 40, born in VA, property worth $3,000; Rebecca, 32, b. OH (West Virginia ?); William, 14, b. OH; John P., 12, b. OH; Sarah, 9, b. OH; Henry F., 9, b. OH; Armita E., b. OH; Eliza A., b. OH and Mary Jane Wallace, 15.

Adam may have been raised as a farmer, but by 1860, he had a new occupation. Both Gallia and Lawrence Counties have their eastern and southern boundaries on the Ohio river. This large river was

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[1]Hardesty's **History of West Virginia Counties of Monroe, Putnam and Tyler** Vol, 1, p. 55

[2]Records of Rev. Chester I. Miller, London, Ohio

used for transportation since travel by land was slower and roads were poor or non-existant. The 1860 Census of Rome Township, Lawrence County shows:

Adam Coulter, 48, Steam Boat Captain, born in VA; Rebecca, 42, b. VA; Henry T., 14, b. OH; Arminta E., 12, b. OH; Eliza A., 10, b. OH; Geo. W., 7, b. OH; Harriet, 6, b. OH; Charles E., 4, b. OH (father of Allie Belle, wife of Walter Yeisley); Margaret, b. OH.

Adam and his son, John Pascal were both steam boat captains. They served during the Civil War. They did Coast Guard duty up and down the Ohio River. About 1865, Adam moved his family to Macoupin County, Illinois. The two older daughters were married and remained in Lawrence County. The Coulters did not stay long in Illinois. In the spring of 1866, Adam and his family moved on to Missouri. They bought a farm in Nodaway County and returned to the life of farmers. Both Adam and Rebecca spent the rest of their days there. Adam, a Civil War Veteran died May 12, 1889 and was buried in Myrtle Tree Cemetery, north-east of Maryville. Rebecca, then seventy-one, remained on the farm as long as she was able to take care of herself. Her single son, George, lived with his mother until his death in 1901. Rebecca lived to be eighty-four and died November 16, 1904. She was buried beside her husband. George was buried in the same plot beside his parents.

A granddaughter remembering her grandmother, Rebecca, once said, "She was a very small woman with snow white skin and hair and large blue eyes. She always wore a ruffled cap which framed her face and added to the quiet dignity that clothed her like a regal garment. She was a very capable woman and managed her husband's farm very successfully after his death.[3]

Charles Elliot Coulter, youngest son of Adam and Rebecca, was born March 15th 1856 at Millersport, Lawrence County, Ohio. When he was about nine years old, the Coulter family moved to Illinois and, a year later, they bought a 120 acre farm near Bedison, in Nodaway County, Missouri. Bedison is a tiny village nearly eight miles south-east of Maryville, the county seat. Charles E. grew up on this farm. He met and married Ollie Hastings, daughter of Byron D. "Turney" Hastings and his wife, Sarah Gallion. Both of her parents were born in Ohio, but Ollie, was born in Illinois November 8, 1860. At the time Charles was courting Ollie, she lived at Watson, north-west of Maryville. A great-granddaughter of Charles E. and Ollie, remembered her grandmother, Lola (Coulter) Rockwell saying that she "remembered hearing her dad tell of riding horseback to visit Ollie. On one occasion, Charles contracted mumps while he was there. Nevertheless, he rode back home in that condition.[4]

Charles E. Coulter and Ollie Hastings were married in 1878. They were living in Essex, Page County, Iowa when their first child, Allie Belle, was born September 3, 1879. The second child, Frankie Coulter, born September 8, 1881 was only two months and two days old when he died. At the time, the family was living in Nodaway County, Missouri. A year after Minnie, the third child, was born September 8, 1883. The marriage of Charles and Ollie was short lived. Ollie died November 9, 1884 of consumption (tuberculosis). She was only twenty-four years old. Allie Belle was five and Minnie was fourteen months. Grandma Rebecca cared for the two little girls until their father remarried.

The second wife of Charles E. was Ella Bell Brown, daughter of James Frances Brown and his wife Sarah E. Brown. They were married in December 1891 in Kansas City, Missouri. There was another house on the 120 acre farm of Adam and Rebecca. It was just one-fourth mile west of the Coulter homeplace, two miles west of Bedision. Charles and Ella Bell moved into this house. In the summer of 1901, the house burned to the ground. Minnie was nearly nineteen and she was left to care for the younger children while the mother took lunch to her husband in the field. The family spent the rest of the summer with grandma Rebecca while Charles built another house.

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[3]Letter of Mabel Kelly Brown in the possession of Robert D. Wiseman, Historian for the Wiseman Family Association

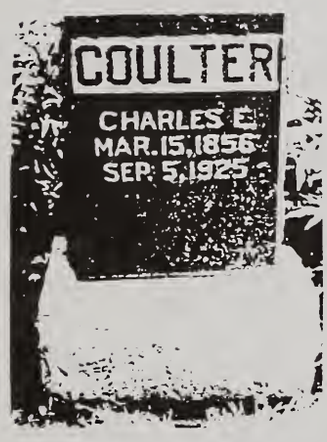
[4]Letter from Marcia Mutz, granddaughter of Lola Rockwell, Maryville, Missouri

Five children were born to Charles and Ella Bell: 1) an infant that died; 2) Lola Edith, born March 19, 1894, Edna Venice, born March 3, 1896; Anna Olive, born November 5, 1897 and Charles Frederick Funston "Fred", born April 17, 1899.

Ella Bell (Brown) Coulter died October 16, 1916; her husband, Charles E., died September 5, 1925. Both lie buried in Swinford Cemetery east of Arkoe as was Ollie (Hastings) Coulter and the two children who died in infancy. The eldest daughter, Allie Belle, wife of Walter Yeisley was named as Administrator of the estate.

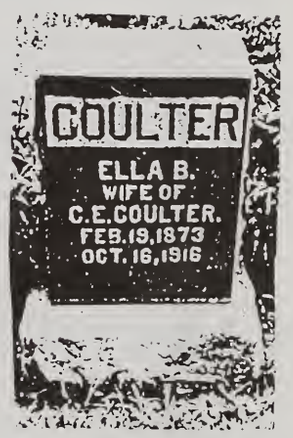
Charles

Ollie



COULTER
Charles E.
March 15, 1856
Sep. 5, 1925

OLLIE
Wife of C.E. Coulter
Born
Novemb 8, 1860
Died
Novemb 9, 1884



COULTER
Ella B.
Wife of
C.E. Coulter
Feb 19, 1873
Oct. 16, 1916

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname COULTER

HUSBAND Charles E. Coulter, Farmer
Born 15 Mar 1856 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
Married c. 1878
Died 5 Sep 1925 Nodaway County, Missouri, near Maryville
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father Adam Coulter Mother Rebecca Wiseman
Husband's other wives 2) Ella B. Brown 21 Dec 1891 Jackson County, Missouri

WIFE 1) Ollie Hastings
Born 8 Nov 1860 Illinois
Died 9 Nov 1884 Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Wife's Father Byron D. "Turney" Hastings Mother Sarah Gallion
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. Allie Belle Coulter
b. 3 Sep 1879 Essex, Page County, Iowa
m. 23 Aug 1899 Walter Yeisley, son of David Yeisley & Medina (Sherer) Rich
d. 22 May 1972 Blair, Washington County, Nebraska
bur. Ohio Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

2. Frankie Coulter
b. 8 Jul 1881 Nodaway County, Missouri
d. 28 Sep 1882 Nodaway County, Missouri 1 yr. 2 mo. 20 days
bur. Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

3. Minnie Coulter
b. 8 Sep 1883 Nodaway County, Missouri, County Clerk's birth Reg. #421
m. 15 Jan 1919 William Poncelow (wife #2)
d. 8 Jun 1928
bur. Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

Sources of Information:
Mary Yeisley Hubbard, Blair Nebraska
Robert N. Wiseman Family Historian, Proctorville, Ohio, 1984

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname HASTINGS

HUSBAND Byron D. "Turney" Hastings
Born Oct 1835 Ohio (1900 Census Pottawattamie County, Iowa)
Married c. 1859 prob. Illinois
Died aft. 1900
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Sarah Gallion
Born Illinois
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. Ollie Hastings
b. 8 Nov 1860 Illinois
m. 1878 Charles Elliot Coulter, son of Adam Coulter and Rebecca Wiseman
d. 1884 Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska of Quick Consumption)
bur Swinford Cemetery west of Bedison, Nodaway Co., MO

2. Alice Hastings
b. Mar 1864 Missouri
m. William Poncelow (before he married #3) Minnie Coulter) Niece of Alice
bur. Pioneer Cemetery, Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri

3. Lemuel K. Hastings
b. Dec. 1878 Iowa
d. (Boarder in household of Sam A. Gardner 1900 census Audubon County, Iowa)

4. Jessie Hastings
b. 23 Mar 1883 Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, Missouri
m. John Macumber
d. 12 Apr 1955 Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska
bur. El Reno, Candadian County, Oklahoma (beside husband, John)

Sources of Information:
Mary Yeisley Hubbard, Blair, Nebraska
1900 Census Pottawattamie County, Iowa
1900 Census Audubon County, Iowa
Death Certificate Jessie Hastings McCumber
Tombstones in Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

Byron D. "Turney" Hastings

Jessie & John McCumber
"Turney"

Ollie Jessie Alice

Jessie

Alice

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname COULTER

HUSBAND Charles Elliot Coulter, Farmer:
Born 15 Mar 1856 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
Married 21 Dec 1891 Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri
Died 5 Sep 1925 Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father Adam Coulter Mother Rebecca Wiseman
Husband's other wives 1) Ollie Hastings

WIFE Ella Bell Brown
Born 19 Feb 1873
Died 16 Oct 1916 near Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Wife's Father James Frances Brown Mother Sara E. "Lizabeth" Wilson
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Lola Edith Coulter
   b. 19 Mar 1894 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 22 Jul 1926 Charles Rockwell at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, MO.
   d. 18 Sep 1924 Skidmore, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Oak Cemetery, West Skidmore, Nodaway County, Missouri

2. Edna Venice Coulter
   b. 3 Mar 1896 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 1 Apr 1922 Ira Carr, son of Clayton Carr and Annie Davison
   d. 29 Sep 1938 Nodaway County, Missouri

3. Anna Olive Coulter
   b. 5 Nov. 1897 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. Not married
   d. 22 Sep 1962 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

4. Charles Frederick Funston "Fred" Coulter
   b. 17 Apr 1899 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 1) Leola Frede
   4 Oct 1930 2) Helen Barbara Smith Martin Troy, Kansas
   d. 29 Apr 1972 Clearmont, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Clearmont Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

The first born child, a son, died in infancy (no stone could be found for him in Swinford Cemetery.)

Sources of Information:
Marcia Wray Mutz (grandaughther of Lola Coulter) Maryville Nodaway Co., MO.
Robert N. Wiseman, Wiseman Historian, Proctorville, Ohio 1984
Robert D. Wiseman, Wiseman Historian, Elkhart, Indiana 1984
Rev. Chester I. Miller, Miller Historian, London, Ohio 1984

Summer of 1914:

Children of Charles Elliot and Ella Bell Brown Coulter
rural Bedison, Missouri

Back row, left to right:
1. Lola Edith Coulter, 20
2. Anna Clive Coulter, 17
3. Edna Venice Coulter, 18

Front row, 4. Charles Frederick Funston Coulter, 15

Taken 1904 or 1905 "The Brown family" of Bedison Missouri
Nodaway County

Back row, left to right:
1. Ella Bell Brown
2. Lucy Brown
3. Milton A. Brown
4. Carrie Leona Brown

Front row,
5. Father, James Francis Brown
6. Ruth Brown
7. Mother, Lizabeth Wilson Brown

Crow Studios
Maryville, Mo.

SOURCE:
Marcia Mutz, Maryville, Missouri

SALE BILL.

Sale Bill of the Estate of C. E. Coulter, deceased, so

on 17 day of Feb. 19126, by Allie B. Yeisley

the Administrat rix of said Estate.

ARTICLES SOLD	NAME OF PURCHASER	AMOUNT OF SAI
Clamp	Cklastrup	2.00
Shovels	Miller	.25
Auger	Yeisley	.45
Grindstone	Mc Dowell	3.50
Kettle	H.Coulter	1.25
Clothesline	Hammond	.10
Lawn mower	D.Swinford	3.00
Hedge axe	Wohlford	.25
Saw	Shinabargar	.25
Job lot	A. Swinford	.25
Shovels	Wilmes	1.00
Tub	Gray	.45
Saw	Yeisley	1.25
Saw	"	1.25
Level	Myers	1.30
Plane	Wilmes	1.00
Pliers	E.Brunk	1
Plane	Snyder	.90
Pipe wrench	HammOnd	.95
Swuare	J.Bruni	.60
Irons	W.Coulter	.10
Sausage grinder	Young	1.05
Ladder	Miller	1.10
Buggy	"	1.75
"	J.Myers	22.00
Harness	A.Swinford	.75
Job lot	Miller	.55
Log chain	J.Brunk	1.00
Scales	D.Swinford	.25
Saddle	Wohlford	4.25
Jar churn	Yeisley	.45
Hand scales	Hansen	.25
2 jars	Hammond	.50
Crocks	"	.45
Seeder	Carr	.75
Freezer	Hansen	1.20
5 gal jar	E.Brunk	.55
Sewing machine	Henggeler	.50
Table	Gray	1.10
Dining table	A.Swinford	3.00
oil can	E Brunk	.45
Bucket	Miller	.40
Cot	Roach	3.50
Oil stove	Pratt	3.50
Four chairs @ 85¢	Logan	3.50
Rocker	K Coulter	3.50
Rocker	Carr	1.00

Cong. rug	Miller	5.50
Oil cloth	Canady	5.00
stove	Carr	5.00
Heater	Mc Dowell	4.00
Rug	Young	21.00
Automobile	F.Coulter	177.50
Refrigerator	Henggeler	1.00
Cord wood	Miller	3.75
Sprinkler	W.Coulter	.30
Sideboards	Miller	.25
Disc	"	7.00
Brace	F.Coulter	.35
Harrow	Henggeler	4.00
Rake	Wkhlford	4.50
Mower	A.Swinford	7.00
Cultivator	Roach	1.00
C"	J.Brunk	17.00
Disc cultibator	H.Coulter	10.00
d rill	Wohlford	5.00
Planter	Snyder	35.00
Eveners	wohlford	.15
low-wheel wagon	E.Brunk	25.00
Wagon	Horton	19.00
Harness	Miller	3.50
Plow	Horton	5.00
2 shovel plow	Pittsenbarger	.25
Half interest in seeder	H.Coulter	7.00
Hay knife	Hanson	.60
Lister & drill	W.Coulter	15.00
Plow	Henggeler	14.00
Job lot	Miller	.30
Wagon toungue	Roach	1.00
Cultivator 5 shovels	Henggeler	6.00
Corn sheller	Evans	5.00
Stone	Roach	.25
Trough	Miller	1.25
Bob sled	A.Swinford	.50
Half bu measure	Hammond	.30
Straw pile	Miller	1.50
Harness	J.Brunk	18.00
2 white horses	Rex Kidder	160.00
Bay horse	Horton	81.00
Lame mare	Roach	1.00
Roan cow	Roach	65.00
Bed stead	A. Lady ?	.25
Trough	H.Coulter	1.00
173 3/4 bu Oats @ .47¢	Yeisley	81.65
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF SALE	906.05

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname COULTER

HUSBAND Adam Coulter, Steamboat Captain; Farmer
Born 1810 Monroe County, West Virginia
Married 21 Feb 1833 Gallia County, Ohio
Died 12 May 1889 Nodaway County, Missouri 79 yr 7 mo 27 da
Buried Myrtle Tree Cemetery, NE of Maryville, Nodaway Co., MO
Husband's Father William Coulter Mother
Husband's other wives 2) Rebecca Wiseman, dau/Isaac Wiseman & Sarah Ramsey

WIFE Martha "Patsy" Neal (Marriage License called her "Margaret")
Born 21 Jun 1816 Monroe County, West Virginia
Died c 1843 Gallia County (or Lawrence County) Ohio
Buried Prob. at Flag Springs, Walnut twp., Gallia Co., OH where parents are bur.
Wife's Father Charles Neal (1781-1876) Mother Martha Arnot (1796-1841)
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Emily Coulter
   b. c 1834 Gallia County, Ohio
   m.
   d. aft 1901

2. William Coulter
   b. 1836 Ohio
   d. bef 1901 Cairo, Illinois

3. John Pascal "Pack" Coulter
   b. 1838 Ohio (lived for a time in state of Washington)
   m. 15 Jul 1858 Harriet Bowen, Lawrence County, Ohio
   d. 1875 Nodaway County, Missouri (d. Intestate; Ad. Papers filed 20 Aug 1875)

4. Sarah Naomi Coulter
   b. 1841 Ohio
   m. John Q. Miller (lived in Rome twp, Lawrence Co., OH)
   living 1901 Lawrence County, Ohio

Sources of Information:
Rev. Chester I. Miller Records, London, Ohio 1984
Ernest Wiseman (Wiseman Historian) Records, Gallipolis, Ohio 1980
1850 Census Records, Lawrence County, Ohio
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF NODAWAY AND ATCHISON COUNTIES, MISSOURI

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname COULTER

HUSBAND Adam Coulter, Steamboat Captain; Farmer
Born 16 1810 Monroe County, West Virginia
Married 30 Jun 1844
Died 13 May 1889 near Bedison, Nodaway County, MO at 79y, 7mo, 27 da
Buried Myrtle Tree Cemetery, NE of Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father William Coulter Mother
Husband's other wives 1) 21 Feb 1833 Martha "Patsy" Neal (Margaret on M. Lic.)

WIFE Rebecca Wiseman
Born 29 Mar 1817 Monroe County, West Virginia
Died 14 Nov 1904 Bedison, Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Myrtle Tree Cemetery, NE of Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri
Wife's Father Isaac Wiseman III Mother Sara Ramsey
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Henry Thomas "Tom" Coulter
   b. 10 Sep 1845 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
   m. 4 Jun 1872 Sarah B. "Sally" Miller, d/Robert Miller & Mary Laffoon
   d. 10 Aug 1936 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Myrtle Tree Cemetery, NE of Maryville, Nodaway Co., MO

2. Armina Ellen Coulter
   b. 18 Dec 1847 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
   m. not married

3. Eliza A. (Lydia?) Coulter
   b. 20 Aug 1849 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio (called "Elizabeth" on 1850 census of Lawrence Co.)
   m. not married

4. George W. Coulter
   b. 29 Sep 1851 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
   m. not married
   d. 5 Mar 1901 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Myrtle Tree Cemetery, Polk twp., Nodaway County, MO

5. Harriet "Hattie" Coulter
   b. 1 Dec 1853 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
   m. Lewis Kelly (They lived in Oklahoma)

** 6. Charles E. Coulter
   b. 15 Mar 1856 Miller, Lawrence County, Ohio
   m. c1878 1) Ollie Hastings
   c1891 2) Ella Bell Brown, d/James Francis Brown & Sarah Elisabeth "Lizabeth" Wilson
   d. 5 Sep 1925 Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

Children of Adam Coulter and Rebecca

7. Minnie Coulter
   b. Millersport, Lawrence County, Ohio
   m. not married
   d. 23 Feb 188? Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Myrtle Tree Cemetery, Polk twp., Nodaway County, MO

Rebecca (Wiseman) Coulter

Source of Information:
Records of Ernest Wiseman, Family Historian, Gallapolis, Gallia Co., OH 1980
1850 Census Records of Rome township, Lawrence County, Ohio
Rev. Chester I. Miller, London, OH 1984
Robert D. Wiseman Family Records, Elkhart, Indiana 1984
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF NODAWAY AND ATCHISON COUNTIES MISSOURI
(Profile of H. T. Coulter p. 470, 471)
Marcia Wray Mutz, Maryville, Missouri 1984

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname COULTER

HUSBAND William Coulter, Farmer
Born between 1770/1780 Virginia
Married
Died after 1840 Gallia County, Ohio
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. Adam Coulter, Farmer
b. 1810 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. c1833 Martha Neal; c.1844 2) Rebecca Wiseman
d. 12 May 1889 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
bur. Myrtle Tree Cemetery, Nodaway Co., Missouri

2. Samuel Coulter
b. Monroe County, West Virginia
d. Ohio

3. John P. Coulter
b. Monroe County, West Virginia
m.
d. Missouri

4. A daughter
b. Monroe County, West Virginia
d. West Virginia

5. A daughter
b. Monroe County, West Virginia
d. West Virginia

Source of Information:
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF NODAWAY & ATCHISON COUNTIES, MISSOURI p.470; 471
1830 Census Perry twp. Gallia County, OH p.143 Wm. was 50/60 yrs old
1840 Census Perry twp. Gallia County, OH p.053 Wm. was 60/70 yrs old

Profile of H.T. Coulter, brother of Charles E. Coulter. Article printed in:

Biographical History of Nodaway And Atchison Counties, Missouri 1882 pp. 470, 471.

H.T. COULTER

H.T. Coulter, a prominent farmer of Nodaway County, belongs to that class of men whom the world terms self-made, for he conquered the obstacles in the path to success and has not only secured for himself a handsome competence but by his efforts has materially advanced in the interest of the community with which he is associated.

He was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, September 10, 1845, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, his literary education being obtained in the common schools. His grandfather, William Coulter, was born in Virginia, of German and English Ancestry, and at an early age moved to Gallia County, Ohio, where his death occurred. By occupation, he was a farmer. In his family were three sons, Adam, the father of our subject; Samuel, who died in Ohio; and John P., who died in Missouri. There were also two daughters who died in Virginia.

Adam Coulter was a native of Monroe county, Virginia. He accompanied the family on their removal to Ohio, where he made his home for many years, being engaged in farming and steamboating. For several years he was a captain of boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and became well known in river towns. In the spring of 1866 he and his family moved to this county, locating near Arkoe, where he bought a farm and devoted the remainder of his life to its cultivation, dying in May 1889. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Neal, who died in Ohio, leaving four children, namely: Mrs. Emily Miller; William who died at Cairo, Illinois; John Pascal, a steamboat captain on the Willamette river, Oregon; and Mrs. Naomi Miller, of Lawrence county, Ohio. For his second wife the father married Rebecca Wiseman, also a native of Monroe county, Virginia and a daughter of Isaac Wiseman, who was born in the same state and died in Ohio. He followed farming as a life work and was a pillar in the Methodist church. His children were Rebecca, the mother of our subject; Andrew, a resident of Wisconsin, Mrs. Mary Wray; Abner who died in Illinois; Samuel and George, both farmers; and Mrs. Lettie Ervin of Illinois. By his second marriage Mr. Coulter had seven children: H.T., our subject; Ellen and Lydia, who died unmarried; George who is living on the homestead with his mother; Mrs. Harriet Kelly, a resident of Oklahoma; Charles who lives on a portion of the home farm and Minnie who died unmarried. The mother is a consistant member of the Methodist church and a most estimable lady.

On leaving home at the age of twenty years our subject became an engineer's apprentice and followed steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers for four years. He was married in Ohio, in 1872, to Miss Sarah B. Miller, who was born in that state in 1850. Her father, Robert Miller, was a farmer of Ohio and a very intelligent, well-posted man and an earnest advocate of the Republican party and its principles. He was also an active church worker. He wedded Mary Laffoon, and both died in Ohio. The children were Andrew, a resident of that state; Warren, a farmer of Illinois; Samuel who was a captain of a company in the Civil War and was killed in the service; Abram, a lieutenant, and Kinton, a private, who were both killed in the same struggle; Sarah B. the wife of our subject; and Mary, the wife of R. Eaton. Mrs. Coulter is the only one of the family living in Missouri. Our subject and his wife had seven children namely: Harry, who is married and engaged in farming on his own account; Myrtie A., the wife of E.J. Dobbing; Pearl, the wife of J.H. Dobbins; May, at home; George R., who died at the age of two years; and Thomas W. and Mary, both at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Coulter came to Nodaway county, Missouri and purchased a farm of forty acres, to which he subsequently added another forty acre tract, making it a home for three years, at the end of which time he traded it for a farm of one hundred thiry-five acres near Pickering. Six years later he sold that place and built a house in Maryville, where he conducted a wood yard for three years. He became the owner of three pieces of property in that city, which at the end of that time he exchanged for his present farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres of fine valley land. He has since remodeled the residence, built a large barn, and made other valuable improvements upon the place. In 1889 he rented it and embarked in general merchandising in Arkoe, where he bought a store building and erected a residence, carrying on business there for eight years with good success. He returned to his farm in 1898, but in October, 1900,

he rented his farm for five years and again engaged in the merchandise business in Arkoe, where he now resides. He still owns property in Maryville.

His life record is well worthy of emulation and contains many lesson of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement. Socially Mr. Coulter is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and religiously his wife is a member of the Methodist church.

THE COULTER-WISEMAN CONNECTION

Rebecca Wiseman, second wife of Adam Coulter, was born April 4, 1818 in Monroe County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Isaac Wiseman, and his wife, Sarah Ramsey. In trying to trace the ancestors of Rebecca, the author wrote to Robert D. Wiseman one of three Wiseman Family Historians, for information on the history of the early families of Wiseman. He Wrote:

> *A family traditional story states that Isaac Wiseman, the emigrant ancestor was a son of Thomas Wiseman, but I have found nothing to prove this story. The story also relates that "Isaac was born aboard ship as the family travelled to America." This is also unproven. However, I have found a land record for a Thomas Wiseman, dated 1706, the land located in Bebber's township, Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. The first record I find of Isaac Wiseman states that, Isaac Wiseman is in Reading and the Berks County History which states that Isaac Wiseman signed a petition for a new road Sep. 1727. This road was located near Oley, Pennsylvania near the Boone[1] homestead! The next record found for Isaac is in 1752 when he offered a reward for an escapee from Amity Township, Berks Co., PA.*

Rebecca's great-grandfather was the above Isaac Wiseman. Was his father Thomas Wiseman? The information found about Thomas suggests, but does not prove, that he probably was.

There was a Thomas Wiseman in Germantown, Pennsylvania as early as October 9, 1706 when he bought 190 acres of land from Mathias Van Bebber, a Merchant from Cecil County, Maryland. Purchase price was 38 pounds. Three days later, on October 12, 1706 he sold the land back to Mr. Van Bebber. Less that two years later, he and his wife, Elizabeth, bought 94 acres from the same man dated June 12, 1708. This land was also in Germantown. On February 14, 1712, Thomas sold the 94 acres to Jacob Christopher Zimmerman.

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth are assumed to be: 1) Isaac, b. c1706; 2) Sarah, b. c1708; 3) Abraham, b. c1710/15.

Apparently, Thomas died in 1716 as a Letter of Administration to Mathew Holgate was dated that year. In it was mention of a Philadelphia Orphan's Court which leads one to believe that Thomas left minor children. A thorough search of Philadelphia Orphan's Court Records located nothing earlier than 1719. Either the old records before that date had been destroyed or were tucked away in some dark corner of the basement and not made available to the public.

Isaac and his wife, Mary (Marshall?) whom he married about 1737 in Pennsylvania were the parents of at least six children, all born in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Shortly after the Revolutionary War, Isaac took his family including married son and his family to the Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, North Carolina. Both he and his wife died there.

Isaac II, son of Isaac and Mary, born August 18, 1738 in Pennsylvania, married Elizabeth Davis, moved with his family to Rockingham County, Virginia and by the turn of the century they were living in Monroe County, Virgina (now West Virginia). Isaac and his wife, Elizabeth, were the parents of at least six children. 1) Isaac, b. August 18, 1738; 2) Jacob, b. c1745; 3) Mary, b. c1753; 4) William; 5) James, b. January 1759; 6) Rachel and possibly Thomas and Jonathan.

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[1]Squire Boone, father of Daniel Boone

Both Isaac and Mary died in Monroe County, Virgina (West Virginia since 1863) and were buried in the old Rheoboth Churchyard near Union, County seat of Monroe County.

Isaac III, son of Isaac Wiseman and his wife, Elizabeth Davis, was born January 19, 1764 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. About 1785, he married Mary Magdalena Ermentraudt/Armentraut in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Johann Henrick Ermentraudt/Armentrout and Mary Magdalena Powers. Mary Magdalena's grandmother was the emigrant ancestor of the Armentraut family in America.[2] She was Anna Elizabeth Ermentraudt, a 40 year old widow from the Palatinate area of Germany who brought her seven children to America. It is not known whether her husband died in Germany or aboard ship on their way to America. The ages of the children were: Johannes 22, Anna Elizabeth, 20, Johan Philip 18, Johan Frederick 16, Christopher 14, Henrich 12, and George 10. They landed at Philadelphia August 27, 1739. After landing, the older sons, Johannes, Johan Phillip,Johan Fredrick took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of England, as was required of all non-English men. It is thought that the maiden name of Anna Elizabeth was Hain and that George and Peter Hain were her brothers because she settled near them in Pennsylvania and they helped her in many ways. Apparently, this was a family of some means because, soon after their arrival, Anna Elizabeth and her older sons bought 526 acres of land near the Hain brothers in the Stouchburg, Lancaster County Pennsylvania area. (Berks County after 1752 when it was formed from parts of Bucks, Lancaster, Chester and Philadelphia Counties.)

Johannes, the eldest son of Anna Elizabeth, married May 22, 1742, Elizabeth Hendrick, daughter of Adam Hendrick. Ten years later Adam and Johannas heard of cheap land available in Virginia. Adam went to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia Colony to check out available land there. He like what he saw, purchased two pieces of land totalling 184 acres. For one piece of 80 acres, he paid 6 pounds, the other 104 acres, he bought for seven pounds, 10 shillings, Virginia money. Then he returned to Pennsylvania. He and Johannes sold their land in Pennsylvania for 60 pounds cash and took a bond for another 60 pounds. They then outfitted wagons and bought provisions for the overland move to Virgina. Within two years, Anna Elizabeth and her second son, Philliip, sold their Pennsylvania land and took their families to Virginia. Henrick, fifth son of Anna Elizabeth (our ancestor) was then a young man of about 25 or 26 years old. They settled on the west side of Massannutten Mountain, from Smith's Creek to near the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. This was the largest tributary of the Patomic River. It rises in Augusta County, flows north-east for 170 miles through the beautiful Shendandoah Valley between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains and joins the main stream at Harper's Ferry.

Henrich Ermentraudt was born in 1726 in Germany. He married Mary Magdalena Powers in Virgina. The spelling of the name became Armentrout (probably after the family moved out of the German community in Pennsylvania). They were the parents of at least eight children: 1) George; 2) Peter, b. 15 September, 1751; 3) Mary Magdalena (our ancestor), b. September 12, 1762; 4) Mary, b. 1769; 5) Margaret; 6) Philip, b. 1776; 7) Henry, b. 1779; 8) Elizabeth, b. 1786.

Isaac Wiseman and his wife, Mary Magdalena lived for a time in Rockingham County, Virginia before moving to Monroe County, Virginia, which is now in West Virginia. In 1830, Isaac and Mary, although in their sixties, moved with other members of the family to Galla County, Ohio. They bought a 200 acre farm near Gage on the road to Centerpoint in Perry township. They spent the rest of their days there and both lie buried in the McKendree Cemetery, Galla County, Ohio.

Isaac VI, son of Isaac Wiseman and his wife, Mary Magdalena Armentrout, was born January 27, 1796 in that part of Greenbriar County, Virgina that became Monroe County in 1799. When West Virginia became a state in 1863, both Greenbriar and Monroe Counties fell within the bounds of West Virginia. In 1817 Isaac married Sarah Ramsey in Monroe County. Sarah was the daughter of Bartholomew Ramsey and granddaughter of Richard Ramsey. She was born 1796 in Botetorurt County,

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[2]See: Russell Armentrout, **Armentraut Family History 1378-1778**

Virginia. The Ramseys were of Scotch descent, came to Pennsylvania at an early day. John Ramsey was a taxable citizen in 1750 in Hanover Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; his son, Richard was taxed in Londonderry Township, same County in 1751. Richard Ramsey was a farmer, bought land in Monroe County before 1799. It seems quite probable that the Wiseman and Ramsey families travelled together from Pennsylvania to Virginia. Richard Ramsey died in 1824 in Monroe County.

Isaac and Sarah Wiseman were the parents of seven children: five born in Monroe County, two born in Galla County, Ohio. 1) Rebecca, born April 4, 1818 (our ancestor who married Adam Coulter); 2) Mary, b. September 3, 1819; 3) Lettie; 4) Abner; 5) George; 6) Andrew, b. 6 May 1830; 7) Samuel, b. c1834. The 1850 Census of Galla County, Ohio lists: Isaac Wiseman, 56, born in Virginia; Sarah Wiseman, 56, born in Virginia; Andrew 18, born in Ohio; Samuel 16, born in Ohio. Also in the same household were Isaac's father and mother, Isaac, 87, born in PA and Mary, 83 , born in Virgina. Isaac's wife, Sarah, died in 1864 in Perry Township, Isaac died September 4, 1870. Both are buried in the McKendree Cemetery, Galla County.

Almost one hundred years ago, the Wiseman Family Association was formed to collect information on any of the Wiseman name. Most of the information used in this segment was obtained from members of this organization. This year (1991), Robert D. Wiseman, 22880 Lakeshore Drive, Elkhart, Indiana, was chosen president of the Association. He would welcome correspondence concerning their family.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname WISEMAN

HUSBAND Thomas Wiseman, Yeoman
Born c1670 England, Ireland, Germany, or Maryland
Married c1700 (?)
Died 1716 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Elizabeth (?)
Born c1675 (?)
Died 14 Jul 1716 Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. Isaac Wiseman
b. c1706 Aboard ship coming from England (?)
m. c1728 Mary Marshall (?) in Pennsylvania
d. bef. 1779 Rowan County, North Carolina

2. Sarah (?) Wiseman
b. c1708 (?) Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
d. 21 Jul 1737 Berks County, Pennsylvania

3. Abraham (?) Wiseman
b. c1710/15 (?)
m. Susannah Hite
d. c1755/6 Frederick County, Virginia

Above individuals found in Pennsylvania records are assumed to be children of Thomas and Elizabeth, but proof could not be established.

Source of Information:
R. D. Wiseman, Elkhart, Indiana

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname Wiseman

HUSBAND Isaac Wiseman, Farmer
Born c1706 Aboard ship coming from England (?)
Married 1738 Berks County, Pennsylvania
Died 1779 Rowan County, North Carolina
Buried Will written 7 Jan 1779 Rowan County, North Carolina
Husband's Father Thomas Wiseman Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary Marshall (?) (Unproven)
Born c1721
Died , Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, North Carolina
Buried Potts Cemetery, Rowan County, North Carolina
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Church Affiliation: Baptist

Children:

** 1. Isaac Wiseman, Jr.
b. 18 Aug 1738 Oley, Berks County, Pennsylvania
m. 1758 Elizabeth Davis,
d. 3 May 1818 Union Township, Monroe County, West Virginia

2. Jacob Wiseman
b. c1745 Oley, Berks County, Pennsylvania
m. Elizabeth Henderson
d. 1807

3. Mary Wiseman
b. c1753
m. 21 Jan 1773 John Merrill, Rowan County, North Carolina

4. William Wiseman
b.
d. 17 Sep 1805 Rowan County, North Carolina

5. James Wiseman
b. Jan 1759 Berks County, Pennsylvania
m. c1785 Lydia "Lyde" _____(?)
d. c1837 Peru, Miami County, Indiana

6. Rachel Wiseman
b.
m. Andrew Merrill
d.

Other possible children:
Thomas of Harrison County, Virginia (now West Virginia)
Jonathan

Sources of Information:
WRAY-WISEMAN FAMILY HISTORY, Vol. III by Donald Cummins, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin
Robert D. Wiseman, Family Historian, Elkhart, Indiana

WILL OF ISAAC WISEMAN SENIOR

In the name of God Amen, I Isaac Wiseman of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God tho weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and Testament and desire it may be received by all as such.

I give unto my wife Mary after my lawful debts and funeral expenses are paid all of my household goods of every kind that I now own or possess and all my stock of any kind that I now own or possess.

Whereas I have given bond bearing date the fourth of this Instant to my son William to make him a deed for one half of a Track of land which I now hold by warrant containing 200 acres dated August 7th 1778. My will is that said Bond be performed according to its true intent and meaning.

Then I give to my son James the other half of the above named Tract of land which I now hold as aforesaid but not to come into his possession until the death of my said wife but shall be her property and remain in her possession during her lifetime unless she pleases to to give it to him sooner.

And I do appoint my wife Mary and my son Jacob and make them executors of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of January Anno Dominici 1779.

Sealed Published and delivered by the above named Isaac Wiseman for and as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Robert Moore

his
Thomas X White
mark

her
Charity X White
mark

Isaac Wiseman Seal

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY WISEMAN

In the name of God Amen, I Mary Wiseman of the State of North Carolina and the County of Rowan, being sickly and weak of body but through Goods of God of a good and sound memory and in my senses and considering my own Mortality do make this my last Will and Testament, and first I will that my body be buried after a Decent Christian Manner. After my decease at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and my soul to God that gave it in the faith and certain hope of the Ressurection at the last day, and what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, I bestow in the following manner; I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Marrell my Feather Bed, I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Wiseman my Cow and my big Bible and the new Coverlid.

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Marrell my Granddaughter my pided heifer. I give and bequeath to my son James above named, my big Pott. I give and bequeath, Ann Wiseman my Daughter in law one of my big shifts. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Wiseman the other one of my Big Shifts. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Marrell above named one of my smaller Shifts. I give and bequeath to Lyde Wiseman my Daughter in Law the other one of my smaller Shifts. I give and bequeath to Rachel Marrell my beloved Daughter, two Sheets, one Blanket and one Coverlid and four Pewter Plates, one Quirt, one Tea Pott and Tea Kettle and one Gird Iron, one Fire Shovel and Tongs.

I give and bequeath to my son James above named, one Pewter Dish and one pair Stilliards. I give and bequeath to my beloved Son William Wiseman, one Iron Trammel. I give and bequeath to Jane Wiseman my Grand daughter, one box iron and one cattery. I give and bequeath to my son James above named one pine Chest and one bull and the big pillow and bolster to his wife Lyda and one striped petticoat. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel above named, two petticoats, one Cloak and one Silk Bonnett. I give and bequeath to my son James one short Gound, one pair of spectacles, and I hereby nominate and appoint my Son James Wiseman and Andrew Farrell my Son in-Law, Executor of this my last Will and Testaments and I do hereby deny all other Wills and Testaments Whatsoever.

In Witness hear I the said Mary Wiseman have set my hand and Seal this Twenty eight day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Ninety.

Signed sealed and pronounced
in the presence of

his
Jacob X Wiseman
mark

Mary X Patterson
mark

her
Mary X Wiseman
mark

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname WISEMAN

HUSBAND Isaac Wiseman, II - Farmer
Born 18 Aug 1738 Berks County, Pennsylvania
Married 1758
Died 3 May 1818 Union Township, Monroe County, West Virginia
Buried Rheoboth Cemetery, Monroe County, West Virginia
Husband's Father Isaac Wiseman Mother Mary Marshall (?)
Husband's other wives

WIFE Elizabeth Davis
Born 28 Aug 1738 Berks County, Pennsylvania
Died 19 Jul 1807 Union Township, Monroe County, West Virginia
Buried Rheoboth Cemetery, Monroe County, West Virginia
Wife's Father Samuel Davis Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Church Affiliation: Baptist

Children:

1. Joseph Wiseman
   b. 29 Mar 1759 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. c1785 2) Elizabeth Bateman
   d. 1836

2. John Wiseman
   b. 18 Aug 1760 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 10 May 1786 Sarah Green, Rockingham County, Virginia
   d. 22 Jan 1842 New Salem, Perry County, Ohio

3. Sarah Wiseman
   b. 17 Jul 1761 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 7 Jan 1806 James Barkly Rockingham County, Virginia

**4. Isaac Wiseman, II
   b. 19 Jun 1764 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. aft. 1785 Mary Magdalena Armentrout, daughter of Hendrick Armentrout and Mary Magdalena
   d. 14 Jul 1852 Perry Township, Gallia County, Ohio

5. Jacob Wiseman
   b. 12 Jan 1767 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 5 Jun 1806 Caty Smalley
   d. c1824 Harrison County, Kentucky

6. Rachel Wiseman
   b. 1 Mar 1769 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 28 Sep 1795 Frederick Honaker, Monroe County, West Virginia
   d. c1840 (?) Union, Monroe County, West Virginia

7. Samuel Wiseman
   b. 15 Feb 1771 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 28 May 1797 Polly Bowyer (Bowen?)
   d. 4 May 1861 Walnut Creek, Fairfield County, Ohio

8. Abner Wiseman
   b. 1772 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 18 Feb 1800 Isabel Blanton, Monroe County, West Virginia
   d. 1830 Irvine, Estill County, Kentucky

9. Elizabeth "Betsey" Wiseman
   b. 1774 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 9 Aug 1798 John Blanton, Greenbrier County, West Virginia
   d. c1870 (?)

10. Margaret "Peggy" Wiseman
   b. 1777 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 23 Dec 1799 Bartholomew Ramsey, Monroe County, West Virginia
   d. 1869

11. William Wiseman
   b. 6 May 1779 Berks County, Pennsylvania
   m. 22 Oct 1801 1) Mary Ramsey, Monroe County, West Virginia
   31 Jan 1804 2) Phoebe Honaker Kilburn, Monroe County, West Virginia
   d. 4 Jul 1842 Nicholas County, West Virginia

Sources of Information:

Donald Cummins. Wray - Wiseman Family History, Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin, 1984
Robert D. Wiseman, Family Historian, Elkhart, Indiana, 1984

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname WISEMAN

HUSBAND Isaac Wiseman, III, Farmer
Born 19 Jun 1764 Berks County, Pennsylvania
Married c.c1785
Died 14 Jul 1852 Perry Township, Gallia County, Ohio
Buried
Husband's Father Isaac Wiseman Mother Elizabeth Davis
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary Magdalena Armentrout/Ermentraudt
Born 1 Sep 1767 Rockingham County, Virginia
Died 11 Feb 1858 Perry Township, Gallia County, Ohio
Buried McKindree Cemetery, Gallia County, Ohio
Wife's Father Johan Henrick Ermentrout Mother Mary Magdalena Powers (Bauer?)
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Margaret Wiseman
   b. c1786
   m.
   d. 1789

2. John Wiseman
   b. 12 Mar 1791 Rockingham County, Virginia
   m. 14 Dec 1812 Agness Neal, daughter of Walter Neal, Sr. and Winifred Wood
   d. 19 Aug 1841 Flagg Springs, Gallia County, Ohio

3. Mary Wiseman
   b.
   m. James Cooper
   d.

4. Samuel Wiseman
   b. 1793/94 Monroe County, West Virginia (Greenbriar County bef. 1799)
   m. 14 Apr 1814 Anna Swope
   d. 1863 Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri

**5. Isaac Wiseman, III
   b. 27 Jan 1796 Monroe County, West Virginia (Greenbriar County bef. 1799)
   m. 1817 Sarah Ramsey in Monroe County, West Virginia
   d. 1870 Lawrence County, Ohio

6. Elizabeth Wiseman
   b. 1798 Monroe County, West Virginia (Greenbriar County bef. 1799)
   m. John Slagle
   d. 1877 Ohio

7. Anna Barbara Wiseman
   b. 1802 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. Jacob Wickline
   d. 1859 Ohio

8. Esther Wiseman
   b. 1802 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m.
   d.

9. Jane Wiseman
   b. 1805 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. 16 Jan 1834 Jehu Washington Prose
   d. 1876 or 1881
   bur. Prose Graveyard in Mt. Zion neighborhood

10 Phoebe Wiseman
   b. 1807 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. David Williams (?) **Wickline (?)**
   d. 1851

11. Henry Wiseman
   b. Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. Nancy
   d.

12. Nancy Wiseman
   b. 21 Aug 1811 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. 17 Jul 1831 John Wray in Gallia County, Ohio

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ERMENTRAUDT

HUSBAND _____
Born _____
Married _____
Died _____
Buried _____
Husband's Father _____ Mother _____
Husband's other wives _____

WIFE Anna Elizabeth Ermentraudt
Born c1700 or 1699, Germany
Died 1775 Virginia
Buried _____
Wife's Father _____ Mother _____
Wife's Other Husbands _____

Children:

1. Johannes Ermentraudt
   b. 1717 Germany
   m. 22 May 1743 Elizabeth Hederick, Lutheran Church at Steuchburg, PA
   d. 1753 Shenandoah Valley, Virginia

2. Anna Elizabeth Ermentraudt
   b. 1718 Germany
   m. Johan Frederick Hain, Berks County, PA

3. Johan Phillip Ermentraudt
   b. 1720 Germany
   m. Elizabeth, Berks County, PA
   d. 1791 Virginia

4. Johan Frederich Ermentraudt
   b. Germany

5. Christopher Ermentraudt
   b. 1724 Germany -- moved to Virginia 1758
   m. 1760 Susanna Power
   d. 1805 Virginia

** 6. Henrich Ermentraudt
   b. 1726 Germany
   m. Mary Magdalena Powers, Virginia
   d. 1782 Virginia

7. George Ermentraudt
   b. 1729 Germany
   m. 1763 Barbara Friedtel, Virginia

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ARMENTROUT

HUSBAND Henrick Armentrout/Ermentrudt
Born 1726 Germany to America 1739 on ship, "Samuel"
Married
Died 1782 Virginia
Buried
Husband's Father Mother Anna Elizabeth
Husband's other wives

WIFE Mary Magdalena Powers
Born
Died 1823 Virginia
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. George Armentrout
   b. Pennsylvania
   m. 1787 Ann (Nancy) Kiser, Virginia
   d. 1805 Virginia

2. Peter Armentrout
   b. 17 Sep 1751
   m. 1) Catherine Ergbacht
      2) Margaret Wolf
   d. 9 Jan 1824

** 3. Mary Magdalena Armentrout
   b. 17 Sep 1762 Virginia
   m. 1790 Isaac Wiseman, Virginia
   d. 11 Feb 1858 Ohio

4. Mary Armentrout
   b. 1769 Virginia
   m. 1787 Abraham Gottlieb Deschlet
   d. 1860

5. Margaret Armentrout
   b.
   m. Mark Overholzer
   d.

6. Phillip Armentrout
   b. 1776 Virginia
   m. 1805 Mary Magdalena Flook, Virginia
   d. 1857 Ohio

7. Henry Armentrout
   b. 1779 Virginia
   m. 1801 Elizabeth Muller, Virginia
   d. 1848 Virginia

Children of Henrick Armentrout/Ermentrudt and Mary Magdalena

8. Elizabeth Armentrout
   b. 1787 Virginia
   m. Christian Leech

Source of Information:
Donald I. Cummins, WRAY-WISEMAN FAMILY, Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname WISEMAN

HUSBAND Isaac Wiseman, Farmer
Born 27 Jan 1796 Greenbriar County, West Virginia (Monroe Co. after 1799)
Married 1 Apr 1817 in Monroe County, West Virginia
Died 27 Sep 1870 Waterloo, Lawrence County, Ohio
Buried McKendree Cemetery, Gallia County, Ohio
Husband's Father Isaac Wiseman Mother Mary Magdalena Armentrout
Husband's other wives

WIFE Sarah Ramsey
Born 1790 Botetourt County, Virginia
Died 1864 Perry Township, Gallia County, Ohio
Buried McKendree Cemetery, Gallia County, Ohio
Wife's Father Richard Ramsey Mother Elizabeth (?)
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

** 1. Rebecca Wiseman
b.. 4 Apr 1818 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. 30 Jun 1844 Adam Coulter, son of William Coulter
d. 16 Nov 1904 Bedison, Nodaway County, Missouri
bur. Myrtle Tree Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

2. Mary Wiseman
b. 3 Sep 1819 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. Jun 1838 Eli Wray, Gallia County, Ohio
d. 9 Jan 1900 Nodaway County, Missouri

3. John S. Wiseman
b. 9 Jan 1821 Monroe County, West Virginia
d. 26 Jan 1846 Gallia County, Ohio

4. Elizabeth Wiseman
b. 11 Sep 1822 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. 18 Dec 1845 Andrew Childers
d. 9 Jul 1882 Evansville, Arkansas

5. Richard Wiseman
b. 17 Feb 1824 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. 6 Mar 1845 Clarissa Childers
d. 26 May 1907 Climax Springs, Missouri

6. Abner Wiseman
b. 27 Oct 1825 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. 23 Sep 1847
d. 28 Jul 1899 Douglas County, Illinois

7. Lettie W. Wiseman
b. 6 May 1827 Monroe County, West Virginia
m. 11 Sep 1845 John T. Irwin
d. 17 May 1900 Camargo, Douglas County, Illinois

8. William Wiseman
   b. 15 Mar 1829 Monroe County, West Virginia

9. Rev. Andrew Wiseman
   b. 6 May 1830 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. 6 Jan 1853 (?) 1) Hannah Pine
   12 Oct 1864 2) Margaret (McDaniel) Hall
   d. 23 Jun 1906 Waterloo, Lawrence County, Ohio

10. Samuel Wiseman
   b. 31 Jul 1833 Monroe County, West Virginia
   m. 1) Betty Wright
   2) Mary Angeline Wright
   d. Jan 1906 Reedy, California

11. George W. Wiseman
   b. 3 Jul 1835
   d. 1911 (?) Tower, Minnesota

Sources of Information:
Robert D. Wiseman, Elkhart, Indiana, 1984
Robert N. Wiseman, Family Historian, Proctorville, Ohio, 1984

DAVID YEISLEY (1826-1917) - MEDINA SHERER (1833-1904)

David Medina

David, the sixth son of the thirteen children of John G. Yeisley and his wife, Salome Kemmerer, was born December 30, 1826.[1] Family records say that he was born in Ashland County, Ohio but there was no county of Ashland until 1846 when it was formed from parts of Richland and Wayne Counties, and a portion of Huron. David's birthplace was probably Richland County as that was where his father, John G. was living when his will was probated in 1843.

David grew to manhood on his father's farm. In 1848, at the age of twenty-two, he and his brother, William, went to Iowa. This was just two years after Iowa was admitted to statehood. Family records say that David went to Hardin County but that county was not formed until 1851 when it was cut off from Black Hawk so it was probably still Black Hawk County when the Yeisley brothers arrived in Iowa. Of course, for the time that David spent there, the county of his residence was Hardin. Both David and William were listed in the index of Original Entries for land in Hardin County:

David Yeisley 100 acres Sec. 22 T86 R19 January 1854 (p.11)
William Yeisley entered 4 parcels between the years 1852-1855 in Sec. 22 T86 R19 and Sec. 26 T86 R19

Another name of interest on the same index was that of John Ellsworth. It was dated August 23, 1854 and was for 40 acres. John Ellsworth/Elsworth, the future father-in-law of David, was found on a number of land transfers in the county during the years 1854-1857. Other Elsworth names on deeds in the county were, Henry, DeRoy and Daniel who were, no doubt, sons of John. Eldora was given as the town where John owned lots and where, I assume, he lived.

David married Olivia Ellsworth, one of the daughters of John and his wife, Mary. Olivia was born about 1833 in the state of New York. She and David were married about 1854, probably in Hardin

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[1]Recorded in David Yeisley's Bible

County, but the marriage license could not be found. Their first born child, John, was born in 1855 in Hardin County.

The first land record found for David was dated July 16, 1853 when he purchased 80 acres from Joseph Johnston in Sec. 26 T86 R19.[2] This was six months before he and William were listed in the Land Grant Index. David cleared the land and built a small long cabin on it. Several other land transfers were made by both David and William. The last one found for David was dated July 28, 1857 when he sold his holdings in Sec. 22 T87 R20 to James Valentine.[3] This was the year that David brought his family to Nodaway County, Missouri. William remained in Iowa, at least for a time, because deeds in his name were recorded as late as 1863 when he gave Power of Attorney to John Rogers.[4] This indicates that he either left, or was planning to leave the county.

On December 2, 1856, David purchased 160 acres in Nodaway County from William O. Howard and his wife, Alice.[5] Purchase price was $1,380. A down payment of $500 was made with a mortgage given for balance. Final payment was made on March 19, 1862.[6] The land was described as the West half of the north West Quarter of Section No. twenty-three (23) and the South East Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section No. ten (10) all in township No. sixty three (63) of Range No. thirty five (35) containing in all one hundred and sixty acres according to Government survey. (see map p.) The land was situated in White Cloud township at the time. Later, when the township was divided it became located in Grant township. The main waterway, the 102 River, cuts across the property providing rich soil and plenty of timber. The Yeisley family moved into the existing log cabin and lived there until David was able to build a much larger frame house.

David, on March 1, 1862, leased 1200 acres from John W. Phipps for a period of two years. Rental was $450.[7] The land was on both sides of the 102 River. Terms of the lease were: David agreed to finish the barn from lumber cut from trees on the property; to pay the taxes; to cut timber necessary to keep fences and buildings in good repair. Yeisley was allowed to cut fire wood from the down trees. Another provision of the lease was, "said Phipps hereby agrees to give said Yeisley the privilege of purchasing the said farms at any one time within one year from date hereof at eight dollars per acre by paying one-fourth of the purchase price money at the time and securing the balance by mortgage on the same in payments in one, two, three and four equal payments from the date with interest and in case of a purchase the said Phipps agrees to apply the rent four and fifty dollars as part payment on the farms..." Apparently, at the end of the first year, David did not wish to pick up his option of purchase as no transfer of deed to the property was found.

Three more children were born to David and Olivia after they came to Missouri, Mary, born about 1850, Henry born in 1860 and David Hamilton, born before 1865.

Olivia's parents, John and Mary Ellsworth were natives of New York where two of their sons, Henry and Daniel were born. Esther, Olivia and Almira were born in Pennsylvania.[8] The youngest sister, Mary was born in Ohio.[9]

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[2]Hardin County, Iowa Deeds Bk. A p. 19

[3]Ibid. Bk. G p. 196

[4]Ibid. Bk. N p. 511

[5]Nodaway County, Missouri Deeds Bk. 12 p. 29

[6]Ibid. Note on left margin of deed of purchase gave date of final payment and release from mortgage

[7]Ibid Bk. 12 p.29

[8]1860 Census, Nodaway County, Missouri, p. 86

[9]Ibid.

Apparently, Olivia's parents and her two brothers moved to Missouri with David and Olivia in 1856. They were living side-by-side on farms in Nodaway County when the 1860 Census was taken. John Ellsworth died August 16, 1863 at the age of seventy-one. He was buried in the old cemetery on east First Street in Maryville, county seat of Nodaway County. When the city of Maryville was laid out, the cemetery was outside the city limits. But the town grew up around it and few burials were made there after 1865. The local chapter of the DAR made a survey of the cemetery in 1927 and found seventy-eight markers. One of these was for John Ellsworth. The cemetery is now known by the name of Pioneer Cemetery.

After the death of John and the settlement of his estate, Olivia and David sold Olivia's share in her father's land to her brother, Henry, for $30. The deed was dated September 3, 1864.[10]

A year later, Olivia died on August 18, 1865 at the age of 33 years, 5 months and 11 days.[11] Her eldest child was only ten years old. The children were probably cared for by Olivia's sisters who lived on the adjoining farm until David re-married five years later.

David's second wife whom he married on December 21, 1870, was thrice married Medina Rich. Medina was the daughter of Solomon and Mary "Mariah" Sherer. She was born February 27, 1833 in Indiana. She was about seven years old when Solomon brought his family to Iowa Territory. Medina Sherer married Absolom Stroud Pitts on July 16, 1853.[12] To them were born four children: Zerlinda, "Jennie" Pitts, born March 12, 1854; Joseph A., born February 26, 1855 (died April 10, 1856); Ruth Ann, born March 12, 1856 (died September 17, 1857); James Marion, born April 25, 1857.[13] Medina's husband, A.S. Pitts, died August 27, 1857 at the very young age of twenty -six. Medina, a widow at twenty-four was left with three children, three year old Jennie, seventeen month old Ruth Ann and four month old, James Marion. Just three weeks after the death of her husband, little Ruth Ann died.

It was said that Medina and her children lived for a time in the city of Keokuk, county seat of Lee County. Medina's Father, Solomon Sherer, with his wife and the younger children lived on a farm not far from Kwokuk. Medina's second marriage was to thirty-year old James Rich on July 26, 1860. No record of the death of James Rich could be found nor has the marriage date of Medina to Samuel Clark; only the birth of their daughter, Dora Mariah Clark, born January 10, 1866, was entered in the family Bible. Where Medina was living when her daughter, Dora, was born has not been determined, nor do we know what happened to Samuel Clark. During these years, life for Medina must have been more difficult that we can imagine. An old letter from Keokuk, Iowa, dated July 7, 1865, found in the Yeisley Bible, was written by Hulda Sherer addressed to her sister, Medina but it was really written to her two children. It said, in part, "Jennie I wish that you and Marion were here to go to school. Elizabeth Kerr is teaching...you said that Marion was 10 miles away herding sheep. I think he does very well indeed tell him I think he is almost a man to be so far away from home." James Marion Pitts was just eight years old at the time.

Where Medina and her children were living at the time the letter was written could not be determined, but we know that Medina was living in Nodaway County, Missouri when, in 1870, under the name of Medina Rich, she married David Yeisley. The marriage license said that both were of Nodaway County. Medina ,with her four children, went to live on David's farm about one and one-fourth miles from what is now the little village of Arkoe. The eldest of David's four motherless children, John, was fifteen years old. Those of school age attended the Fox rural school. It seemed strange, and a source of some amusement to the other pupils that children with so many different surnames--Yeisley, Pitts, Rich Clark-- lived in the Yeisley family.

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[10]Nodaway County, Missouri Deeds Bk. 12 p. 29

[11]County death records

[12]Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa Marriage Records

[13]Birth, marriage and death dates listed in Yeisley family Bible

Two children were born to David and Medina, Nora Violet, born June 17, 1872 and Walter, born October 23, 1875. The 1880 Census of Nodaway County, Missouri listed: David Yeisley, 53, a farmer, born in Ohio, wife, Medina 47, born in Indiana; a son, Henry, F., 19 born in Missouri; daughter Nora, 8 and son, Walter, 5, both born in Missouri. Also in the household was Medina's daughter, Dora M. Clark, 14, born in Missouri.

Mary, the daughter of David and Olivia, married Charles Patterson and they were shown on the 1880 Census living in Nodaway County with their nine-months old daughter, Olivia. Also in the household was Mary's brother, twenty-five year old John. Just a few months earlier, David Hamilton Yeisley, the other son of David and Olivia, had married Martha A. S(?)orrick. Later, both he and his brother, John, went to the state of Washington. Charles Patterson took his family to Oregon; Jame Pitts went to Nebraska. Zerlinda "Jennie" may have married but no more information could be found for her.

During the Civil War, David registered with the Missouri Militia but was not called on to serve. David and his family were members of the Methodist Church in Arkoe. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party. He became a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, well-respected in the community in which he lived.

Medina died February 21, 1904 at the age of seventy-one. She was buried in the Swinford Cemetery, east of Arkoe. David survived her by thirteen years. Walter, the only son, remained on the farm and took over its management.

David died February 21, 1917 at the ripe old age of ninety. He, too, was buried in the Swinford Cemetery. His will, written June 4, 1909, was entered for probate on May 23, 1917.[14] When the estate was settled, Walter purchased the 120 acre farm from the other heirs for the sum of $4,400.[15] Heirs who signed the deed were: Nora B. Kight, daughter of David and Medina, with her husband, Sidney S. Kight; David Leslie Yeisley, son of David Hamilton, dec'd; Lenora E. Holman and Malinda Foss, daugters of Mary Patterson, dec;'d with their husbands, Ralph M. Holman and Holden Foss. Wilsie Bennett, daughter of David Hamilton and guardian for his two minor children, Violet and Claud Yeisley, signed for the three of them. David Albert Patterson, son of Mary and Charles Patterson, sold and transferred all of his rights in the Yeisley estate to Walter Yeisley. He was then living in Oregon.

By way of comparison with prices as they are today, expenses for the funeral of David were listed as: Vault, $65; Casket, $100; Embalming, $15; Suit, $15; 2 cars, $10 and $5; Flowers; $5; car for Mrs. Elsworth, $4 for a total of $219. In another account, Mary Elsworth (daughter of John and Mary Elsworth and sister of Olivia?) was paid $50 per month for taking care of David Yeisley during the last year of his life.

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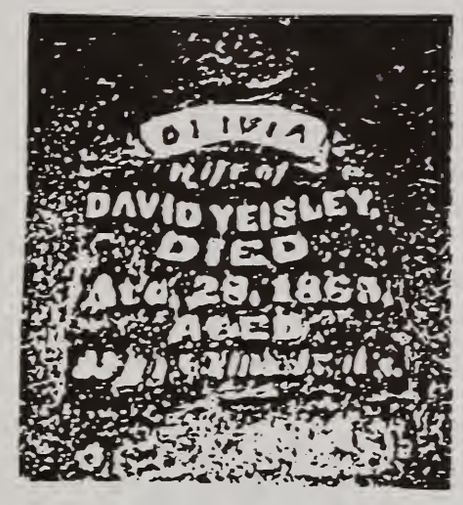
[14]Nodaway County, Missouri Probate Book G pages 424 and 425

[15]Nodaway County Deeds

David

DAVID YEISLEY
Dec 30, 1826
May 17, 1917

MEDINA, His Wife
Feb 27, 1833
Feb 21, 1904



OLIVIA
Wife Of
DAVID YEISLEY
Aug. 28, 1865
AGED
33y ?m ?d

JOHN ELSWORTH
DIED
Aug 16, 1863
Aged 71 yrs

(135)

"Man is the Head of the Woman."

"Woman is the Glory of the Man."

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

"Whoso Findeth a Wife, Findeth a Good Thing."

"The Wife is a Crown to Her Husband."

This Certifies, That, on the 21st day of December, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy, at Marysville, in presence of the undersigned witnesses, before me came Daniel Geisley and Medina Rich, to be united in the

HOLY BONDS OF MATRIMONY.

And that upon satisfactory evidence to me by both and each of them jointly and separately given, showing that they had freely and deliberately chosen each other as bosom companions for life, and were sacredly pledged to each other for a faithful performance of all the duties arising out of the **Marriage Relation,** *(no impediment appearing,) I did, then and there, agreeably to their wishes and conformably to the* **Laws of God** *and the Statutes of the State of Missouri, unite the aforesaid parties,* Daniel Geisley *and* Medina Rich *in Holy Wedlock, as* **Husband and Wife.**

Witness:

Cana Baker.

Given under my hand and seal, this 21st *day of* December, *A. D.* 1870

A. A. Minnear (SEAL)
a Justice of the Peace

The Winchell, Kerr & Marsh Printing Company, Hannibal, Mo.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND David Yeisley, Farmer
Born 30 Dec 1826 Ashland County, Ohio
Married c1854 Probably Ashland County, Ohio
Died 17 May 1917 Near Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father John G. Yeisley Mother Salome Kemmerer
Husband's other wives 2) Mrs. Medina (Sherer) Rich

WIFE Olivia Elsworth
Born 1833 New York (1860 Census, Nodaway County, Missouri)
Died 28 Aug 1865 " " Missouri
Buried
Wife's Father John Elsworth Mother Mary
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. John Yeisley
   b. 1855 Iowa
   Moved to Washington State

2. Mary Yeisley
   b. c1858 Nodaway County, Missouri - (22 on 1880 c. Nodaway County, Missouri)
   m. 22 Dec 1878 Charles Patterson
   d. bef 1909 (when David wrote his Will)

3. Henry Yeisley
   b. 23 Aug 1860
   m. Not married
   d. 18 Sep 1907 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
   bur. Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

4. David Hamilton Yeisley
   b.
   m. 13 Apr 1880 Martha A. Sorrick (?)
   d. bef 1907 Removed to state of Washington

Sources of Information:
Yeisley Family Records
1860 and 1880 Census, Nodaway County, Missouri

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND David Yeisley, Farmer
Born 30 Dec 1826 Ashland County, Ohio
Married 21 Dec 1870 Nodaway County, Missouri (Marriage Records)
Died 17 May 1917 " " "
Buried Salem Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Husband's Father John G. Yeisley Mother Salome Kemmerer
Husband's other wives 1) Olivia Ellsworth/Elsworth

WIFE Medina (Sherer) Rich
Born 27 Feb 1833 Indiana
Died 24 Feb 1904 Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri
Wife's Father Solomon Sherer Mother
Wife's Other Husbands 1) A. S. Pitts; 2) Samuel Clark; 3) James Rich

Children:

1. Nora Yeisley
   b. 5 Jun 1872 Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. S. S. Kight (they moved to Jerome, Idaho)
   d. 29 Sep 1960
   bur.

** 2. Walter Yeisley
   b. 23 Oct 1875 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
   m. 23 Aug 1899 Allie Belle Coulter, daughter of Charles E. Coulter
   d. 6 Apr 1966 Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Ohio Cemetery, Burlington Junction, Missouri

Sources of Information:
David Yeisley's Bible
Nodaway County, Missouri Cemetery Records

Will of David Yeisley

Written June 4, 1909
Will Bk. G. P. 424, 425

Entered for Probate May 23, 1917
Nodaway County, Missouri

In the name of God, Amen

I David Yeisley of the County of Nodaway in the State of Missouri, age 82 years, being of sound mind, do make and publish this my last will and testament, as follows:

1st I request that my funeral be conducted under the direction of my children or those who may be present at same.

2nd I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon as possible after my death, and if money shall be on hands to be paid out of it, or if not on hands, then out of my personal property on hands.

3rd I give and bequeath my farm lands lying in Nodaway County Missouri and described as follows, viz the West one half of the North west quarter of section number twenty three (23) and the South east fourth of the North east quarter of section twenty two (22) and seven acres in the north east part of the South east fourth of the south east quarter of section number ten (10) and all lying and being in Township number sixty three (63) of Range number thirty five (35) to and to be divided equally between my children John E. Yeisley, David H. Yeisley, Nora B. Kight, Walter Yeisley and between the children of Mary S. Patterson, deceased, that is to say one share or one fifth to John E. Yeisley, one fifth to David H. Yeisley, one fifth to Nora B. Kight, one fifth to Walter Yeisley and one fifth to all the children of Mary S. Patterson, deceased, to hold and enjoy absolutely in fee simple, and should any of my above named children die, then his or her share shall go to the descend to his or her children, then living equally but should any of my above named children die before my death and leaving no children then his or her share shall go to and be divided between my other children who then may be living.

I appoint my friend Warren L. Johnson executor of this my last will, revoking any former will made by me.

In witness whereof I have here unto subscribed my name on this 4th day of June A D 1909 (written in by hand, "The foregoing instrument was at this date thereof signed and declared by the said David Yeisley to be his last will and testament and we in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto James B. Robinson and J. D. Richey").

(Signed) David Yeisley

PARENTS' RECORD.

Father.

Abraham Stroud
Sitts was born in
the year of our ~~Lord~~
Lord 1831
August this 5th

Abraham Stroud
and
Medina Sitts
was married in the
year of our Lord 1853
July the 4th

David Yeisley
was born 1826
December 30th 1824

Mother.

Medina Sitts
was born in the
year of our Lord 1833
February 27th

James Rich
Born in the
year of our Lord
1830 on the
first day of
September

BIRTHS.

Yerlinda Jane Pitts
Was born in the year
of our Lord 1854
March the 12

Joseph Anderson Pitts
Was born in the year
of our Lord 1855
February the 26th

Ruth Ann Pitts
Was born in the year
of our Lord 1856
March the 12

James Marion Pitts
Was born in the year
of our Lord 1857
April the 25th

Nathan Solomon Pitch
Was born in the year of
our Lord 1861 April the 29

Dora Mariah Clark
Was born in the years
of our Lord 1866
January the 10th

BIRTHS.

Nora Belle Yeisley was born
in the year of our Lord
1872 June 5th

Walter Yeisley was
born in the year of
our Lord 1874 Oct 25th

Allie Beaulah born
September 3rd 1879

Walter Cole Yeisley
was Born in the
year 1900.
September 5th

Harry
Yeisley
Born November
23rd 1905.

Mary Violet Yeisley
Born December
26-1906.

MARRIAGES. MARRIAGES.

Married
July 29 '8 60
James Rich &
Medina Rich

DEATHS.

Joseph Anderson Pitts
Died in the year of
our Lord 1856
April the 10

Absalem Stroud Pitts
Died in the year of
our Lord 1857
August the 27

Ruth Ann Pitts
Died in the year of
our Lord 1857
September the 17th

DEATHS.

Medina Geisley
died in the year of
our Lord 1914
February 21st

Henry Geisley.
Died in the year
of our Lord 1907
September 19th "

Ward Geisley
died June " 1917

JACOB DANIEL SHERER (1726-1795) - HANNAH SOPHIA DICK (17xx-c1830)

The orginial German spelling of the name was Scherrer. Other forms of the name used by the family in America were, Scherer, Sherrer, Shearer, Shears, and Sherer.

Jacob Daniel Scherrer, our emigrant ancestor, was born in Ober-bets-bach, Rheinish Palatinate, Germany on November 11, 1726. He was the son of Nicholas (c1675-1764) who lived and died at Ober-bets-bach, a village far up on the Rhine River near Cologne. His farm of about 30-40 acres was in a very rough, hilly area. It is thought that the family was of Swiss orgin. Nicholas and his wife, whose name was not given had at least three children: two sons, George Theobald, the eldest, Jacob Daniel, the younger, and a sister whose name was not given.

Jacob Daniel took his apprenticeship training as a tailor and earned a Masters of Tailoring certificate at Otweiller which reads:[1]

> *We, the sworn Masters of Tailoring in the town of Ottweiller, do hereby certify that the present Jacob Daniel Scherrer born in Ober-bets-bach 21 years ago, of average stature, brown hair, has learned the Tailoring trade to the satisfaction of Master Michael Grawang, and has shown himself industrious and truthful. We the undersigned wish to recommend him.*
>
> *Ottweiller, August 31, 1751.*
>
> *W.H. Gerber, Local Supreme Master*
> *John Michael Martin, Becoming Master*
> *John Adam Wagner*
> *John Jacob Eber-Gasset*
>
> *(Seal) Established 1707*

It may have been because of financial conditions in Germany or a desire for adventure that caused Jacob Daniel to decide to seek his fortune in America. A year after obtaining his certificate, he decided to go to America. He arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship, **Richard and Mary,** John Moore, Master. The date was September 26, 1752. On that day, he took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of England.[2] All ships to the American Colonies, regardless of point of origin, were required to put in at an English port where they were checked and tolls collected before embarking for America. At the time of coming to the new coutry, Jacob Daniel was twenty-two years old and unmarried. Within three years after his arrival, he married Hannah Sophia Dick in October 1755 (place not given) but they were living in Delaware County when their first known child, John Jacob, was born on November 11, 1726.[3] When Delaware ratified the Constitution of the United States on December 7, 1787, it became the first state of the Union. By that time, Jacob Daniel and his family were living in Guilford County, North Carolina where their son, Christian was born in 1763. This was wild, un-developed country with a population of less than 15,000.

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[1]Reproduction taken from Walter R. Sanders' account of **The Scherer Family of Montgomery County, Illinois** Litchfield, IL 1945 p. 5

[2]Daniel Rupp, **30,000 Immigrants in Pennsylvania**

[3]Walter R. Sanders. op. cit.

Shortly after establishing his home in North Carolina, Jacob Daniel received a letter from his brother, Theobold in Germany. The German script has since been translated into English by the Rev. M.M.G. Scherer D.D. and the translation was included in Mr. Sanders book about the Scherer Family. The English tranlation of the letter follows:

(dated) August 19, 1764

First of all greetings to you heartily and much beloved brother Jacob Daniel Scherer, as well as to thy wife and children. I will write to you how it is with us, and how I am, but I expect an answer from you. It is eight years the present Easter 1764 that I took charge of the farm and have not made anything but rather lost by degrees. My first wife, Catherine Elizabeth, died eight years ago, but I have two children by her--two daughters, namely Marie, the elder, and the younger, Catherine Salome. Six years ago, two weeks before Christmas, I married again and from this union have come two sons, named John Ludwig the older, and John Jacob, the younger...She, my wife, is Angelia Miller, daughter of the village official, Christian Miller. As for us, we are all, thank God, well and hearty. Mother died on St. Gerturde's Day, (Nov. 15th) 1763 and father one week before Shrove Tuesday of the present year 1764. Eternal thanks be to the Almighty that He has relieved me of this burden, for which I have long sighed. Had he lived any longer he would have reduced me to poverty. I never had any peace and was constantly obliged to resort to litigation with him so that I wished well nigh a thousand times that this might end. I could truly say, "father and mother have deserted me but the Lord careth for me." Unable to support myself any longer, I was constranined and compelled to sell my house and land and move to you in the new country. When the bargain was closed it was recorded by the bailif and then carried by him to the county judiciary at Otweiller. It was reported to me that I would have to supplicate to my prince for a certificate of dismission from his allegiance. Thus I had to have written a suppliation to my most serene Prince and Lord. When, therefore, I brought by supplication to the county judiciary he replied that I would not be permitted to leave the country but that the Prince had promised that the things should again improve in the land. He would recall all objectionable regulations. I, however, refused, and entered into a disputation during which the judiciary said that if I should leave the country without a certificate of dismission from the Prince all my property would be confiscated and seized by the Prince, and the same thing would happen to my brother's possessions. Then I answered that the Prince could not confiscate my brother's possessions, because when he left these regulations were not in force. Now because of the great excitement everywhere, about the "new country," no one is permitted to take even one kroutser along. Not being permitted to take anything along, I was obliged to take charge again of my house and land, for I did not want to leave everything behind with wife and children.

Dear brother, since the Prince is going to confiscate your inheritance I write you not to return on account of your inheritance. I beg of you, dear brother, to have the goodness at your first opportunity to write to me or come yourself, that I may know what to do regarding your inheritance; whether you wish to give it to the Prince or give it to me. If this is the case I would petition my most serene Prince and Lord accordingly.

Dear brother, please write me if I may still be able to secure a position where you are, and how one may get to your country. One is not able to take anything along, and it is well nigh impossible to live here. The Prince is very exacting--we have much compulsory service to rendor--every week forced labor or help in the chase.

I have two-thirds of our estate, that is about thirty acres, for which I am obliged to pay annually to the Prince, 10 or 19 Ruchsthaler and five Gulden socage money. For two whole years we have had to survey the land. Our former system of taxation has been taken away. We now have the direct taxation and we are so overburdened that we find it difficult to exist. Our forest is gone--the Frankenholzer forest is cut down and turned into charcoal, the grove called Hohwaedchen, is cut away and made into cord wood and sold to the

surrounding villages. Thus we have nothing but fallow ground and plats of misfortune. Now I will write to you why we had the lawsuit; father and mother, and our sister kept together and suppressed me because I did give my consent that father bestowed so much on our sister, especially the dowry, while we have nothing. I reproached him about it, but the judiciary upheld his part and said that he could do as he pleased with his things. Now I know nothing more to write you except that the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our minds and hearts through Christ Jesus our Lord, and the God of peace sanctify us through and through. I remain your faithful servant and dear brother, George Theobald Scherer unto death. We wish all, a thousand times good night. Oberbetsbach, April 19th, 1874 (sic 1764--typographical mistake)

Your letter written to me I received Feb 27. Father was dead seven days when I received the letter. My letter was written April 19th 1764, and I carried the letter to Zweibrucken to John Nicholas Hibner, who went to his brother at Krumbach where George Hibner is staying with his father. Now I know nothing more to write for this time except the peace of God which passeth all human understanding, keep all of our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus until Eternal life, Amen. We wish you all many thousands times goodnight. Unto God alone by the glory. The piece of money of which you wrote me in your letter, I have given to your God parents.

Such were the conditions in Germany during the 1700's. Whether or not George Theobald Scherer was ever able to come to America is not known as no evidence of it could be found.

The movements of Jacob Daniel and his family between the date of the birth of their son, John, in Delaware Territory (one researcher said Pennsylvania) and the birth of Christian in North Carolina in 1768 has not been determined. Guilford County is given as Christian's birth place, but that county was not formed until 1770. On that date, it was cut off from parts of Orange and Rowan Counties which were very large. The county of Orange was formed in 1752 and Rowan County the following year.

Once Jacob Daniel was settled in North Carolina, he learned the hatter's trade. He also taught school, probably in connection with Frieden's Church (German Lutheran) and bought several tracts of land, one containing 195 acres about three miles south of the town of Gibsonville and ten to fifteen miles east of Greensboro. It must have seemed huge by comparison with the forty acre farm of his father's in Germany. The land became known as the "Scherer farm." Here Jacob Daniel remained for the rest of his life. He died September 26, 1795 and was buried in the Frieden Church Cemetery.

Inscription on his stone:[4]

(German) Her schlafet Jacob Daniel Scherer
1st gehohren Anno 1726 den 11 November
Nimmt Sophia Dick
in Surche an 1755 den 7 October
zeiget 9 kinder und sterbet an 1795
den 26 September sein gantzes alter ist
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[4]Jacob Daniel's great-grandson, Dr. M.G.G. Scherer visited the cemetery in 1925, found the tombstone for the son, Frederick, but could not find the one for Jacob Daniel. On closer inspection, he did find the stone broken off from the base lying on the ground, covered with dirt and tall grass.

(Translation) Here lies Jacob Daniel Scherer
He was born on the 11 of November
In the year 1726
He took to wife Sophia Dick
on October 7, 1755
begot nine children and died on
the 26th of September 1795
Aged 68 years, 10 months, 14 days

Ten or eleven years later, Hannah and her sons, all except Frederick who had a farm of his own nearby, sold the 195 acre homeplace and removed to Ohio. For a time, Hannah Sophia lived with her daughter, Elizabeth Goodner, but her last days were spent in the home of her son, Christian, in Preble County, where she died sometime after the year 1825. Place of burial has not been determined.

[List 183 C] The Foreigners whose Names are underwritten, Imported in the Ship Richard and Mary, John Moore, Master, from Roterdam, and last from Portsmouth, took the usual Qualifications to the Government, Before
Joshua Maddox, Esquire.
The Twenty Sixth Day of September 1752. No. 91.

Jacob Daniel Scherrer ✓	Johann Henrich Sponheimer
Peter Römer	Johann Phillipp Wentz
Henrich Jacob Knerr	Johann Benedictus Müller
Johann Davit Allschbach	George (X) Right
Petter Emmer	J. Jo. Henrig Scher
Caspar (X) Baltzaer	Johan Thebald Bauer
Johanes (+) Weyant	Pillib Jacob Kehle
Johann Dichlbeck	Henrich Heidelbach
John Nicklas (H) Kargher	George Friederich Emrich
Michael (X) Bealm	Nicklaus Wüchel
Johann Georg Genheimmer	Valentin Schmitt
Nicklas (+) Bernhart	Johann Jacob Seyfriedt
Johan Georg Emmerich	Johan Heinrich Hummel
Johann Philb Jäckes [?]	Michael Schlayer
Johann Henrich Kipp	Michael (X) Roth
Johann Phillipps Hoffman	Johann Adam Derting
Peter (X) Hottebach	Jacob Schuckman
Johann Peter Roller	Johannes Becker
Johan Peter Pfankugen	Dewalt Dannfeltzer
Andereas (X) Hann	Johann Nickel Hembt
Gabriel Armbrister	Johannes Stras
Johannes Conrath	Elias Hummel

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Surname SCHERER

HUSBAND Jacob Daniel Scherer Emigrant to America
Born 11 Nov 1726 Oberbetsbach Rheinish Palatinate, Germany
Married 7 Oct 1755 Pennsylvania
Died 26 Sep 1795 Guilford County, North Carolina
Buried Frieden's Church Cemetery, sometimes called Shoemaker
Husband's Father Nicholas Scherer Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Hannah Sophia Dick
Born
Died c1825-1830 Preble County, Ohio
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. John Jacob Scherer (Revolutionary War Soldier)
   b. 14 Sep 1759 Colony of Delaware (Delaware became 1st state 1787)
   m. 12 Feb 1782 Catherine Smith, daughter of Andrew Smith
   d. 20 Mar 1845 New Hope, Preble County, Ohio
   bur. Scherer Cemetery on own farm

2. Catherine Scherer
   b. c1760 Guilford Co., North Carolina (prob. Orange County; Guilford Co. formed 1770 from Orange)
   m. John Jordan
   d. Knox County, Tennessee

** 3. Christian Scherer
   b. 6 May 1763 Guilford County, North Carolina (Orange Co. bef. 1770)
   m. 1) Nellie
   24 Jun 1819 2) Mrs. Sarah (Lyon) Wilson
   bur. Frieden's Cemetery, Preble County, Ohio

4. Frederick Scherer
   b. c1763 Guilford Co., NC (Orange Co. before 1770) Was he a twin of Christian?)
   m. c1783 Barbara Smith, daughter of Andrew Smith
   d. 20 Feb 1817 Guilford County, North Carolina
   bur. Frieden's Church Cemetery, Guilford County, NC

5. Elizabeth Scherer
   b. 26 Jun 1765 Guilford County, NC (Orange Co. before 1770)
   m. 1782 Conrad Goodner
   d. 1839 Nashville, Washington County, Illinois

6. David Scherer
   b. c1770 Guilford Co., North Carolina
   b. Esther Bowman
   d. 1839-45 Johnson County, Illinois, near Vienna

Children of Jacob Daniel Scherer and Hannah Sophia

7. John Scherer
   b.
   m.
   d. (Moved to Southern Illinois, prob. Johnson Co.)

8. Godfrey Scherer
   b. c1775 Guilford County, North Carolina
   m. Single
   d. 1813

9. Hannah Scherer
   b. c1777/78 Guilford County, North Carolina
   m. 19 Dec David Tade
   d. c1863 Near Bentonsport, Van Buren County, Iowa

Source of Information:
THE SCHERRER FAMILY of Montgomery County, Illinois by Walter R. Sanders, Litchfield, Illinois Oct. 1945

CHRISTIAN SHERER (1763-1843) - NELLIE (17xx-18xx)

Christian, third son of Jacob Daniel Sherer and his wife, Hannah Sophia Dick, was born May 6, 1763 on the farm of his father in Orange County, North Carolina. His birthplace is usually given as Guilford County but that county was not formed until 1770 when portions of the western part of Orange County and the eastern part of Rowan County were combined to make a new county which was named Guilford.

At the age of twenty-six, Christian purchased a tract of land on his own from Jacob Holstein on February 9, 1791. It was just over the county line in Orange County. The deed said that both Christian and Jacob were of Orange County. At the time, Christian may have been married to Nellie (maiden name unknown) but no marriage record could be found for them in Guilford or Orange County.

We know that Christian and his family left Orange County before 1803 as that was the birth date of the second son, Solomon who, according to family records, was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina on the western side of the state not far from the Tennessee state line. How long the family remained here has not been determined. Court Records and deeds could not be checked because Buncombe County Court House burned in the 1830's and many of the records were destroyed.

Christian's 141 acres in Orange County were sold to Jacob Isley on September 30, 1806. The land was described as being on Travers creek, south side of the Haw River on the county line. This was the same year that Hannah and her younger sons sold the Sherer farm and moved to Preble County, Ohio. We have no way of knowing which route they took, but it is possible that they went by way of Buncome County. By 1815 or before, Christian, too, had removed to Preble County. He purchased a tract of land which was described as being the NE Quarter of Sec. 9, T3, R4. It was located in Gratis township near the village of Winchester whose name was later changed to Gratis.

When the Sherer families arrived in Ohio, the 17th state of the Union, it was only three years old. The area was sparsley settled and under-developed. Existing homes were constructed of logs cut from native timber. The same year that the Sherer families arrived, the first sawmill in the county was set up by Adam Neff and, six years later, he built a grist mill.

Christian, by occupation, was a farmer. He was also a devout member of the United Brethren Church and a minister of that faith. He was much disturbed over the conflicts at the various churches and wrote:[2]

Gloomy times we have on account of religion, and why is this? Part may be imputed to the hearers, but mostly to the preachers. Many go with the Bible in one hand and the war spirit in their hearts against their sister societies and brethern, holding up discipline or the works of man above the Bible. The members drink in this spirit. The preachers say our discipline is founded on the Bible, but when examined, they are alterable, some in one year, some in two, some in four, as they may deem proper to govern their churches. I ask, is the word of God alterable? The answer to me is No. How, then, can these disciplines be founded on scripture when alterable? No answer. On these questions bishops and elders are silent or make some apology to us that answers no purpose. As for my part, the Bible is my

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[2]From letter of Christian's to his sister, Elizabeth Goodner, printed in **The Scherer Family Genealogical Journal** by A.T. Scherer Vol. 1 #3 and reprinted in **The Goodner Family** by Hubert Wesley Lacey of Dayton, OH 1960

discipline. Oft times I confess my shortcomings before my Lord. Wishing to be in union with all Christian brethren and strive so to be. Let us live nearer the Lord, to love in deeds and not with our tongues only. The Lord enable me to cleanse the inner part and the outer part will cleanse of itself, saith the Lord. I shall add no more but remain your affectionate brother until death.

The heading on this letter, of which this only a part, was State of Ohio, Preble County, April 17, 1822. A number of Christian's letters to his sister, Elizabeth Goodner, have been preserved and published in the **Goodner Family** book. They provide an insight into the life and times as well as the thoughts and attitudes of the writer. In a letter dated June 20, 1825 to Elizabeth who was then living in St. Clair County, Illinois, Christian wrote,

Mother is yet alive and as well as could be expected[3] *and wishes to be remembered to you all...My sons are all single yet and live amongst the family. I have a daughter born to me of my wife Sarah on the ---day of June last. We call her Hannah. Through the Mercy of God we are all blest with all the necessary blessings of life...*

In another letter dated June 20, 1825, Christian wrote again to his sister:

....Old mother is now living with me and has been the greater part of the time since she came up. She is growing quite frail and needs attention. Mother still enjoys her religion, and desired it mentiond, and very often finds herself happy in waiting on the Lord...My wife and I have spent our days together in peace and harmony. She is a good companion, a kind mother and an affectionate daughter-in-law to my mother... The distance we are apart will not admit of our seeing each other any more probably in this life, but if we do not, let us, and may the all-wise Creator of the universe teach us to live and act so that we may all in a latter day meet and hail each other in the peaceful mansions of glory there to be and remain with our blessed Lord and Savior in a world without end. I subscribe myself your affectionate brother.

"Christian Schearer".

The mother of Harriet was the second wife of Christian. Nellie died sometime before June 20, 1819 because on that date, Christian married Mrs. Sarah (Lyon) Wilson.

The 1830 Census for Preble County, Ohio listed Christian in the 60-70 year old age bracket; one male 18-20; one male 20-30 and three females, one in the 5-10 age group; one 18-20 years old and one (the wife, Sarah) was in the 50-60 age bracket.

Christian wrote again to his sister, Elizabeth on November 20, 1835, saying,[4]

I am a lone man on my farm. My sons are all married off. Two of them live 200 miles off in the Illinois state. The other one lives 17 miles from me. I am left to shift for myself as touching men's help. The children that Nellie bore me are all married off. The nearest one lives nine miles off. I have one daughter living with me that my wife, Sarah, bore me, and an orphan child, a niece. And the last I heard of my children, that is married off, they were in moderate health. I must inform you that I and my wife are striving to make our way to heaven although much tribulation which the Lord promised to his children. I often feel the comfort of my Lord to my soul. I hope and trust that you are endeavoring to make your calling and election sure in the Lord. Direct your letters, State

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[3]One reference said that the mother of Christian, Hannah Sophia lived to be 105, but a great grandaughter thought the age to be about 95.

[4]**The Goodner Family** loc. cit. p. 414

of Ohio, Butler County, Somerville Postoffice. Nothing more at present, but our best regards to you all, Conrad Goodner, Elizabeth Goodner and family.

Goodner and family from me,

Christian Sharer
Sarah Sharer

At the time Christian wrote this letter, he was seventy-two years old. Life on a farm can be difficult for a man of that age who has no sons at home to help with the work. He may have left the farm and moved across the county line into Butler County where he served as pastor of the United Brethren Church in Sommerville. The number of years and the dates of this service could not be determined, but when he died in 1842, he was buried in the church cemetery at Sommerville.

Christian made his will on November 18, 1843 and died two weeks later. The fact that he made his mark instead of signing his name indicates that he was either very, very weak or had lost his sight.

WILL OF CHRISTIAN SHEARER

Dated November 18, 1843; Entered for probate December 1, 1843

In the name of God amen. I Christian Shearer of the County of Preble and State of Ohio do hereby make and constitute this my last will and testament and do order and direct that my Executors do execute the same in manner as I shall further direct.

First of all being weak in body but sound in mind and memory I do order that after my death my Executors will decently inter my body into the earch after the order of a religious manner to return to its mother dust and hoping God may receive my spirit who gave it.

Second, as to my beloved wife Sarah Shearer it is my will and I do order that she shall have all the Beds and Bedding now in our house together with all the Cloathes and household furniture now belonging to us or at least so much of the ? Goods as she may wish to keep and the balance she shall give into the hands of my executors with the exception that the bed and bedding now made for Sarah Jane Robinson she my wife shall give to Sarah Jane Robinson at my death. After that Sarah Jane Robinson shall have one cow that is now alloted for her also the choice of one water Kettle now on hands also any of the Kitchen furniture now on hands that my wife may please to give her out of the parts I leave my wife, also that my beloved wife shall have the Saddle that belongs to her also the small copper kettle also the small brafs (brass) kettle, also one cow the choice of the cows that we may have on hands at my death. Also the farm I now live on shall be and remain in the hands of my wife Sarah Shearer and my son Aaron Shearer shall live on the farm as we now live and that Aaron Shearer my son shall farm the place and keep up the repairs of said farm in good order and pay the taxes and give my wife, Sarah Shearer a ----sufficiently of the productions of said farm to supply her comfort so long as she may please to live on my farm, also it is my wish that Aaron Shearer my son shall pay directly twenty five dollars into the hands of my executors, and my executors shall pay yearly this twenty five dollars that arises

from my place into the hands of my children as I shall further direct. It is also my wish that if my wife does not see cause to live on my farm that my executors shall sell the farm and pay my wife five hundred dollars in money out of the first proceeds of sale of my farm. Also it is my will and I do desire that my wife Sarah Shearer shall have my farm as I have directed and that it shall not be sold from her without her consent and agreeing to the same as it is my will that if Aaron Shearer my son does not wish to live on my farm as I have ordered that my wife shall put on such persons as will give her living and pay twenty five dollars yearly and pay the taxes and keep up the repairs of said farm. It is further my will that my wife may keep Eliza Winkley and raise her out of the proceeds of said farm.

It is my will and I do nominate and appoint Henry Phillips my son in law and Aaron Shearer my son to be the executors of this my last will. All my children have received fifty dollars a piece excepting my daughter Hannah which has not had anything as yet save . . . Solomon Shearer my son has borrowed sixty dollars that I now hold his note for the same, David Shearer my son has borrowed thirty dollars that I now hold his note for the same. I acknowledge myself indebt to my daughter Lydia ten dollars and her husband owes me twenty eight dollars which the ten dollars I owe her shall be taken out which will leave her indebted my estate eighteen dollars. It is my will that my executors shall pay fifty dollars to my daughter Hannah Shearer out of the first money that shall arise from any of my proceedings. Also my executors shall of the next money arising from proceeds of my property shall pay to my children so as to bring them equal one with the other.

It is my will that the moveable property that may be left at my death that my executors shall sell and collect the same and also all my claims that is due me and settle and pay all my expenses and pay all my debts what may be left together with all my claims collected and the of my farm be divided in the manner aforesaid with the exception of this that my executors shall pay to the heirs of Sarah Winkley that is now dead, namely Louis Winkley Inenea Winkley Eliza Winkley these three children to draw their mothers part of my estate at the hands of my executors.

I do order that my executors shall rent the farm that I now hold adjoining the land of Lot Guard and Jacob Guard and keep that farm in Good order and pay the taxes and save the timber and all that real estate to remain unsold until the death of my wife Sarah Shearer then all my real estate shall be sold and all the ifsue (issue) then be divided in the following manner. Namely one tenth part to my son Aaron Shearer also one tenth part to my son John Shearer also one tenth part to Lydia Bell my daughter. Also Solomon Shearer my son. Also Elizabeth Good my daughter also Catherine Phillips my daughter. Also one tenth part to Mary Rofs (Ross) my daughter. Also one tenth part to Hannah Shearer my daughter. Also the three children of my daughter Sarah Winkley namely Louis Winkley Inenea Winkley and Eliza Winkley to have the one tenth part that was their mothers to be share and share alike.

On testamentary of the same I have set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of November A. D. 1843.

Attest,

Edward Ogle

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Christian X Shearer
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Family Group Sheet

Surname SHERER

HUSBAND Christian Sherer
Born 6 may 1763 Orange County, North Carolina
Married c1791 Nellie
Died 19 Nov 1843 Preble County, Ohio
Buried
Husband's Father Jacob Daniel Sherer Mother Hannah Sophia Dick
Husband's other wives June 1819 Mrs. Sarah (Lyon) (Taylor) Wilson

WIFE Nellie (Maiden name unknown)
Born
Died previous to 1819
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:
(Order uncertain)

1. Aaron Sherer
   b. Orange County, North Carolina
   m. 20 Mar 1831 Jane Wilson

2. John Sherer
   b.

3. Solomon Sherer
   b. 1803 Buncombe County, North Carolina
   m. 10 Dec 1826 Mary Geeding Preble County, Ohio
   d. 14 Dec 1902 Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Swinford Cemetery, Nodaway County, Missouri

4. David Sherer John & David married and moved to Illinois
   b.

5. Lydia Sherer
   m. _____ Bell

6. Elizabeth Sherer
   b.
   m. _____ Good

7. Mary Sherer
   m. _____ Ross

8. Sarah Jane Sherer?
   m. _____ Robinson (A Sarah Jane Robinson received child's portion of Christian's estate)

9. Catharine Sherer
   m. _____ Phillps

10. Hannah Sherer (dau. of Christian & 2nd wife, Sarah)

SOLOMON SHERER (1830-1902) - MARY GEEDING (1806-1858)

Solomon Sherer (name sometimes spelled Shearer; Shear; Sheres in the Records), son of Christian Sherer and his wife, Nellie, was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina in 1803. He was just a young lad when his parents moved to Preble County, Ohio about 1815 or earlier. They settled in Gratis township.

When Solomon was twenty-six years old, he applied for a license to marry Mary Geeding. The date was December 10, 1826. The record says that both were of Preble County. The parents of Mary have not been identified. At first it was thought that she was a daughter of Simon Geeding who had moved into the Gratis township in 1821. Cemetery records for the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Preble County listed a Simon Geeding, who died May 2, 1874 at the age of seventy-six. This would indicate that he was born about 1800, too young to have been the father of Mary. Perhaps he was her brother. An Adam Geeding, born in Pennsylvania in 1758, died in 1852 in Montgomery County, Ohio, the county which adjoins Preble. He might have been the father of both Simon and Mary but proof could not be established.

Solomon Sherer, with wife and two children, Manassa and Matilda, moved to Indiana about 1829 and spent the next eight or nine years there. Four children, Sino, Medina, Sarah and Joseph, were born in Indiana. About 1838, the family moved on to Iowa and were living in Des Moines County, whose eastern boundary line was the Mississippi River. This county was organized in 1834, four years before Iowa became the 29th state of the Union. Before that it was Iowa Territory which had previously been a part of the Wisconsin Territory.

By an Act of Congress on June 12, 1838, the lands which had been purchased from the Indians were brought into the market and land offices were opened in Dubuque and Burlington, Iowa. The rolling hills ready for cultivation without first having to clear the land of trees, the beautiful rivers and streams that criss-crossed the area made this "the beautiful land." Settlers poured in by the thousands and within less than ten years from organization of the territory in 1838, it contained 150,000 persons.[1]

The first legislative assembly laid the broad foundation of civil equality on which has been constructed one of the most liberal governments of the Union. Its first act was to recognize the equality of woman with man before the law by providing that "No action commenced by a single woman who intermarries during the pendency thereof, shall abate on account of such marriage."

Even before Iowa became a state, there was trouble with an adjoining state. The Iowa authorities had established the southern boundary of the territory as it appears today, but the Missouri Constitiution had defined a line eight to ten miles to the north and attempted to exercise jurisdiction, collect taxes, or confiscate property on which the taxes had not been paid. When Missouri Sheriffs arrived to carry out orders, they were thrown in jail by the Iowa authorities. The dispute escalated. Missouri's Governor Boggs called out the Militia to enforce the claims. About 1,200 men in Iowa enlisted, went to camp, ready to defend their terrritory. It seemed that civil war was eminent until Governor Boggs and the Governor of Iowa Territory agreed to settle the dispute in the United States Supreme Court. Two Commissioners were appointed by the Court; one from Missouri, one from Iowa to survey the land and establish the proper boundary. The result was a final judgement in favor of Iowa. Such was the political climate when Solomon Sherer arrived in Iowa.

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[1]History of Des Moines County, Iowa pub. by Western Historical Society, p. 178

An old settler, in speaking of the privations and trials of those early days said, "Well do the 'old settlers' of Iowa remember the days from the first settlement to 1840. These were days of sadness and distress. The endearments of home in another land had been broken up; and all that was hallowed on earth, the home of childhood and the scenes of youth were severed; and we sat down by the gentle waters of our noble river, and often 'hung our harp on the willows.'"[2]

Another testified, "There was no such thing as getting money for any kind of labor. I laid brick at $3.00 per thousand, and took my pay in anything I could eat or wear." Another one, speaking of the area in 1848 said, "land and everything had gone down in value to almost nominal prices. Corn and oats could be bought for six or ten cents a bushel; pork, $1.00 per hundred; and the best horse a man could raise sold for $50.00. Nearly all were in debt and the Sheriff and Constable, with legal processes, were common visitors at almost every man's door. These were, indeed, the times that try men's souls."[3] A few of the less hardy returned to their former homes but Solomon and his father and grandfather had spent their lives on the frontier. Jacob Daniel, the emigrant, came to Philadelphia in 1752 and on to North Carolina twenty-five years before it became a state; Christian and his brothers moved on to Ohio soon after it became a state and then Solomon, born in Buncombe County, North Carolina before that county was twelve years old, moved with his parents to Ohio. After his marriage to Mary Geeding in 1826, Solomon decided to continue the westward trend. He spent several years in Indiana, then crossed the Mississippi River and settled in Iowa Territory.

The 1840 Census of Des Moines County, Iowa, lists Solomon Sheres as head of the household in the 30-40 age bracket; four males under 20; five females under 15 and one female in the 40-50 age group. By 1850, Solomon Shear and his family were living in Lee, the county just south of Des Moines. Its eastern boundary was also the mighty Mississippi.

A number of tracts of land were bought and sold by Solomon while he lived in Lee County. The earliest listing found was a tract purchased on May 27, 1848 from H.C. McMurphy, Treasurer. (Was this county land?) It was described as W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 3 T65N R5W.[4] There were others: one purchased from C.M. McLean and wife was for 47 feet of S End Lot 211 and Lot 664 and 665 in Fort Madison, Iowa.[5] Another tract purchased March 16, 1864 from B. Barton and wife for $1,000 was located at 311 12th Street in Keokuk.[6] On the same date, from the same grantor, he purchased parts of Lots 7 & 8 in Keokuk. Two years later, on December 23, 1866, he paid $137.50 to Robinson Hunter and his wife for parts of Lots 7 & 8 and Lot 173, part of which was on 12th Street.[7]

What kind of man was Solomon? We know that he was a religious man and a devout member of the United Brethren Church. Further insight can be found in the Goodner Family book in which a cousin described Solomon in these words, "one of the humblest, purest and best of christian gentlemen, of the salt of the earth." When speaking of the wife of Solomon, he called her "Aunt Mariah" and said that "she was a skilled weaver and excelled in handwork and in the making and finishing of clothes." Her twelve children were fortunate to have such a talented mother.

Maria died in 1858. At the time, the family must have been living in Keokuk. Sandusky Cemetery, where she was buried, is about six miles north east of the city on a bluff over-looking the Mississippi River. I was told that it is a beautiful, well-kept cemetery. A number of years ago, a survey was made of the tombstones. A stone was found for Maria with the date of her birth and death on it but it was lying flat on the ground partially covered with dirt. Just recently, a search of the lot was made but no stone could be found. It had disappeared completely and was covered with dirt and grass.

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[2]Ibid. p. 177
[3]Ibid. p. 179
[4]Lee County, Iowa Deeds Bk. 9 p. 304A
[5]Ibid Bk. 11 p. 151
[6]Ibid Bk. 24 p. 311
[7]Ibid Bk. 27 p. 218

At the time of her death, her youngest child must have been about ten years old. Several of the older children were married and gone. A micro-film of the Marriage Book of Ft. Madison (Lee County) was examined and these Sherer listings were found:

Sino Sherer to Cyrena Wilson October 10, 1852
Medina Sherer to A.S. Pitts July 10, 1853 married by Thomas Henry, Minister of the United Bretheren Church
Anna Sherer to Charles Stetman(?) August 10, 1856
Harriet Sherer to Wm. G. Jefferson February 28, 1860 by F.W. Evans, M.G.
Anna Sherer to Nelson Gardner March 3, 1860 by F. W. Evans
Solomon Sherer to Pelina M. Daniels October 1860

When Solomon re-married, the two older girls at home, Hulda and Louise must have been young teenagers. Medina, born February 27, 1833 was the only definite birth date of the children that could be established.

Available Keokuk, Iowa, city directories were examined and these listings were found:

1866/7 Sol Sherer farmer Res 12th & Des Moines
" Mrs. Sol Sherer dressmaker 12th & Des Moines
1869/69 P.M. Sherer dressmaker East Side 12th & Des Moines
1871/72 Mrs. Sol Sherer Wd. res 32 Exchange

The 1868/69 Lee County Directory listed Sol Sherer. No later listings for Solomon were found.

The most logical conclusion to be drawn was that Solomon died between 1869 and 1870 and that the widow had moved to the Exchange address. Not so! Solomon died in Nodaway County, Missouri at the age of 99. This would lead us to speculate that Solomon wanted to leave Iowa and Perlina (sometimes written as Pauline) refused to go, but no records of divorce or legal separation could be found.

We know that Medina was living in Nodaway County in 1870 because that year, she married David Yeisley, a prosperous farmer south of Maryville.

The death of Solomon occured at the home of his daughter, Medina Yeisley, just six months before his 100th birthday. Burial was in the Swinford Cemetery about six miles east of Arkoe, Nodaway County.

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Surname SHERER

HUSBAND Solomon Sherer, Farmer
Born 6 Jun 1803 North Carolina
Married 1826
Died 13 Dec 1902 Nodaway County, Missouri
Buried Swinford Cemetery, Grant Twp., Nodaway Co., Missouri
Husband's Father Christian Sherer Mother Nellie
Husband's other wives 2) 18 Oct 1860 [illegible]

WIFE Mary Geeding "Maria"
Born c1811 Indiana
Died 1858 Lee County, Iowa
Buried Sandusky Cemetery
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Manassa Sherer
   b. c1828 Ohio

2. Matilda
   b. c1829 Ohio
   m. 6 Sep 1849 John Wesley Hook (Lee County, Iowa Marriage License)

3. Sino Sherer
   b. c1830 Indiana
   m. 20 Oct 1852 Cyrena Wilson (Lee County, Iowa Marriage License)

**4. Medina Sherer
   b. 27 Feb 1833 Indiana
   m. 10 Jul 1853 A. S. Pitts (Lee County, Iowa Marriage License)
   2) Samuel Clark
   3) James Rich
   21 Dec 1870 David Yeisley (Nodaway County Marriage License)

5. Sarah Sherer
   b. c1835 Indiana

6. Josiah Sherer
   b. c1837 Indiana

7. Anna Sherer
   b. c1840 Iowa
   m. Charles A. Stetmer

8. Harriet Sherer
   b. c1842 Iowa

9. Herman Sherer
   b. c1844 Iowa

10. Louisa Sherer
   b. c1845 Iowa

11. Hulda Sherer
b. c. 1847 Iowa

12. Barbara Sherer
b.

Sources of Information:
1850 Census Lee County, Iowa
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF NODAWAY AND ATCHISON COUNTIES, MISSOURI
(Profile on David Yeisley)
David Yeisley Family Bible

WAS ALMOST 100 YEARS OLD

Solomon Sherer Died Near Arkoe Sunday
Would Have Been Centenarian
Had He Lived Until Next June

Undertaker Charles Lippman was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yeisley about a mile southeast of Arkoe Monday to take care of the arrangements for the burial of Solomon Sherer who died Sunday.

Mr. Sherer was almost 100 years old having been born June 6, 1803. He was a native of North Carolina but for the last 20 years had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Yeisley.

His death was due to old age. It was in all probability hastened by a fall which he suffered last week.

The funderal services were held at Swinford Tuesday. Rev. William Blazer preaching the funeral, and burial took place at the Swinford cemetery that afternoon. Mrs. Yeisley at whose home the old gentleman died, was his eldest daughter.

---Daily Forum December 17, 1902
Maryville, Missouri

DEATH OF SOLOMON SHERER

He Was The Oldest Man In Nodaway County

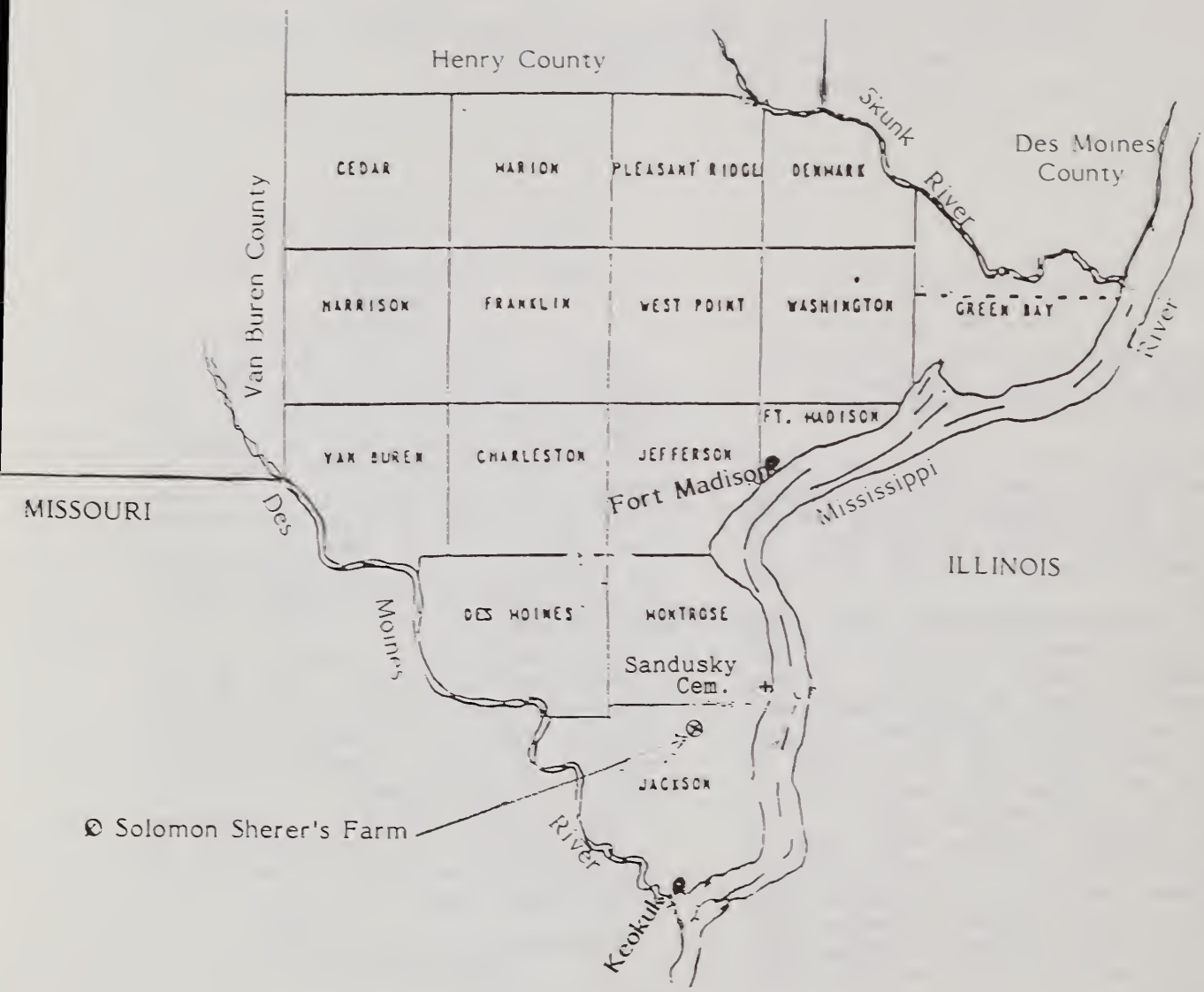
Solomon Sherer, who was born in North Carolina June 1803, died last Sunday, December 14, 1902 at the home of his son-in-law, David Yeisley, near Arkoe. When quite young, he moved from North Carolina to Ohio, then to Indiana, and later to Illinois and from there to Iowa, and finally to Missouri. He has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Yeisley, for some years.

Mr. Sherer was a member of the United Brethren Church. The funeral services were conducted at the Swinford Church Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock by Rev. Blazer, and burial was in that cemetery. So we learn from Charles Lippman, undertaker.

The Democrat of last February 20 published a brief sketch of Mr. Sherer as the oldest man in the county.

Maryville Nodaway Democrat
December 18, 1902

Note: A picture of Solomon, an old man with a long white beard, was included with the article, but the quality was not good enough to reproduce here because copies of old Maryville newspapers are preserved on microfilm.



LEE COUNTY, IOWA TOWNSHIPS

JOHN G. YEISLEY (1787-1843) - SALOME KEMMERER (1790-18xx)

John G., grandson of the emigrant ancestor, Nicklaus Yeisley, was born April 6, 1787 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. He was christened on July 17, 1787 in the First Reformed Church (Lutheran) in Easton, Pennsylvania. He was the second son of George Adam Yeisley and his second wife, Christine Zellner.

About 1810, John G. married Salome Kemmerer, daughter of John Jacob Kemmerer and his wife, Eva Schleppi of Hamilton township, Northampton County. Six children were born to John and Salome in Pennsylvania. The eldest child, George Adam, born October 27, 1811, was christened five months later, March 27, 1812 in the Union Church, Northampton County.[1] The listing appeared in this form:

Parents	Child	Sponsors
Johann Jaufle Salome	George Adam b. Oct. 12, 1812	George M(?)etzger Katarina

Four more children were born to John and Salome in Pennsylvania: Susan, born May 1813; Jacob K., born October 1816; Peter and Mary. About 1820, John G. with his brother, Conrad and their half-brother, Nicholas, packed up their families and moved to Ohio, a young state less than twenty years old. Family records say that they moved to Ashland County, but there was no Ohio county by that name until 1846 when Ashland was formed from parts of Richland, Huron, Wayne and Lorain counties.

The records we found on the children of John G. and Salome Yeisley indicate that their son, David, may have been their first child to be born in Ohio.

John G. grew up in Pennsylvania on his father's farm, followed in his father's footsteps and remained a farmer for the rest of his life. He became active in the Democratic Party and was said to have represented his party in the Ohio State Legislature for a time, but a check of lists of state legislators did not produce the name of John G. Yeisley.

John G. wrote his will on October 1, 1843. He died two weeks later on the 15th of October in Montgomery township, Richland county, Ohio. His will was presented for probate on October 17, 1843. In it he named his wife, Salome and the following children: George A., Jacob, John, Peter, Philip, Joseph, David, Samuel, William, Polly, Susan and Sarah. The last seven named were called his "minor" children. Thus, Salome, his wife, was left with seven children under the age of twenty-one.

Five of the sons went to Iowa at an early date. David and William settled in Hardin County for a time, then David moved on to Nodaway County, Missouri, The 1850 Iowa Census shows George A. Yeisley 39, with wife, Nancy, and five children (all born in Iowa): Also Daniel, 24, born in Ohio. Not far away was a listing for Joseph Yeisley 27, his wife, Amanda and daughter, Elizabeth S. one month old.

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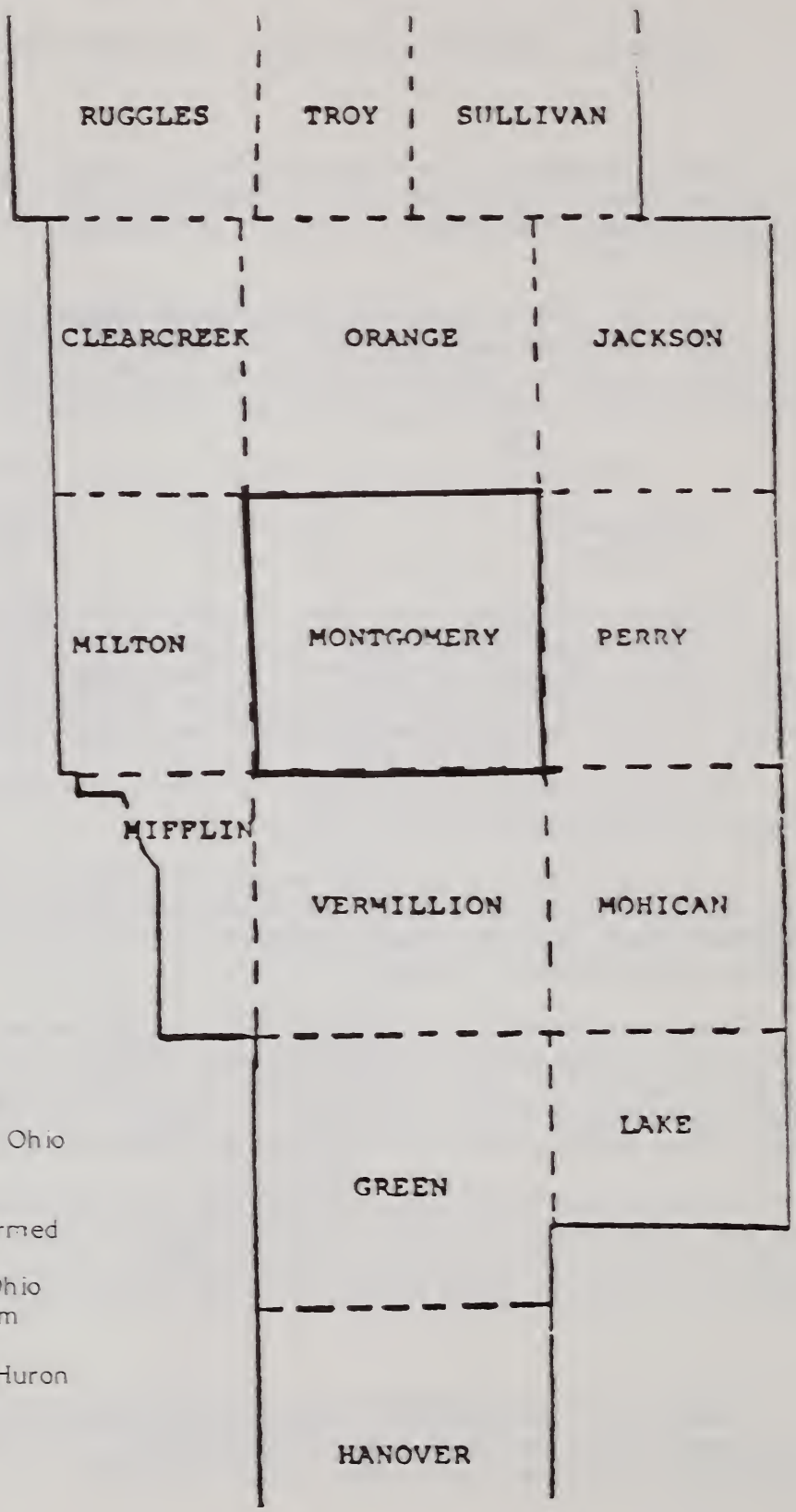
[1]Baptismal, Communicant and Confirmation Records of the Hamilton Township Union Church, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (now Monroe County). Translated from the German by Rev. A.S. Leiby; checked for accuracy by Rev. Wm. J. Hinke D.D. 1936

The death date for Salome or the place of her burial could not be found but we know that she was alive in 1843 when John G.'s will was written. The daughter called "Polly" in her father's will must have been a nick-name for the Mary listed in the **YEISLEY INDEX** compiled by Laura Benson.



Townships of
RICHLAND County, Ohio
in 1843

Richland County formed
1808
Ashland County, Ohio
formed 1846 from
parts of
Richland, Wayne & Huron

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND John G. Yeisley
Born 6 Apr 1787 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
Married c1810
Died 15 Oct 1843 Richland County, Ohio
Buried
Husband's Father George Adam Yeisley Mother Christine Zellner
Husband's other wives

WIFE Salome Kemmerer
Born 26 Mar 1789 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
Died Ashland County, Ohio
Buried
Wife's Father Jacob Kemmerer Mother Eva Schleppi
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. George Adam Yeisley
   b. 27 Oct 1811 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. 5 Jul 1837 Nancy Deal, Richland County, Ohio
   d. 2 May 1904 Hardin ? County, Iowa

2. Susan Yeisley
   b. 14 May 1813 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. 12 Feb 1846 Peter Staker, Richland County, Ohio

3. Jacob Kemmerer Yeisley
   b. 14 Oct 1816 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. Julia Ann Hush

4. Peter Yeisley
   b.

5. Mary "Polly" Yeisley
   b.
   m. 8 May 1836 Daniel Fish

6. Phillip (John Phillip) Yeisley
   b.

7. Joseph Yeisley
   b. 1823 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. 14 Apr 1847 Amanda Worley in Richland County, Ohio

** 8. David Yeisley
   b. 30 Dec 1826 Richland County, Ohio
   m. c1854 1) Olivia Elsworth, d/John and Mary Elsworth
   17 May 1870 2) Medina (Sherer) Rich, Nodaway County, Missouri
   d. 1917 Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri
   bur. Swinford Cemetary, Nodaway County, Missouri

Children of John G. Yeisley and Salome

9. Samuel Yeisley
   b.

10. William Yeisley
   b. 25 Dec 1830 Richland County, Ohio
   m. 23 Dec 1860 1) Elizabeth Morris
   1879 2) Louisa Drummond
   d. 17 Apr 1918 Caldwell County, Missouri

11. Hamilton Yeisley
   b.
   d. died young

12. Daniel Yeisley
   b.
   d. died young

13. Sarah Yeisley
   b.
   m. 24 Jan 1854 Edward B. Henry in Ashland County, Ohio

14. Christine Yeisley
   b.
   d.

Source of Information:
Laura Benson Records, Haverford, Pennsylvania
Rev. William Yeisley (father of above, who for many years, collected Yeisley records)

Last Will and Testament of John Yeisley

Court of Common Pleas Richland County, Ohio
Probate Court Bk. 4, pp. 388,389
Written October 1, 1843; proved October 19, 1843

The Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio was contacted with a request for a copy of the will. I was advised that the origianl books had been put in storage and they referred me to the Genealogical Society of Ohio, Mansfield, Ohio. My request was directed to them. They sent me a copy of the will on microfilm. The copy was very, very difficult to read, impossible in many places and will not be reproduced here.

Should anyone wish a copy, try reading the original microfilm copy in Mansfield, or if one is able to visit the Salt Lake Genealogy Library, look at the microfilm copy in their library.

THE KEMMERER ANCESTORS

(Variant spellings: Kemer/Kammerer/Kaemmerer/Cameror)

It is a tradition in the Kemmerer families that there were three brothers, Johannes Nicholas, Frederick and Henry who came to America from Germany. Frederick Kemmerer and his brother, Henry, settled in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania about 1742. It is quite possible that they may have come earlier, but no records could be found to pinpoint the date of their arrival in the United States or to the area to which they came. The first record found for Frederick was when he obtained a grant of land in Lehigh County. Frederick and Henry's numerous descendants can be found in the Counties of Lehigh and Montogomery.[1] Lehigh County, before its formation in 1812, was a part of Northampton County. Montgomery County was formed from a part of Philadelphia County in 1784.

Johannes Nicholas Kemmerer, the pioneer of our line came from ZweiBrucken Der Pfaiz in 1730.[2] It was said by a descendant that he came through the Port of New York, settled for a time in Hoboken, New Jersey, and later moved to Pennsylvania, and chose a site near Hecktown in Northampton County.[3] His son, Johannes Nicholas, Jr. is the ancestor of most of the Northampton County Kemmerers, while his grandson John Jacob, is the ancestor of the Monroe County Pennsylvania clan. It was John Jacob (called Jacob in the church records) and his wife, Eva Elizabeth Schleppi who were the parents of Salome W. the wife of John G. Yeisley in Monroe County.

The Kemmerer family history dates back to the first Crusade 1096 A.D. A Sir Knight Crusader, Johan von Kemmer, seems to be the first of the name in authentic records.[4] His armorial was shown in the famous 34 volumes of **Grosses und Allegemeines Waffenbuch** von J. Siehamacher, Enthaltend Zwei Tausend Historich Begrundete Familien Waffen, etc. Numberg 1857. (Great and General Book of Coats of Arms by J. Siehmacher, Containing Two Thousand Historically Authenticated Coats of Arms of Historic Familes, Numberg.)[5]

During the first Crusade, it became necessary to devise some means of identification to identify those fighting on the same side as well as to identify the unit to which they belonged. The Coat of Arms was placed, not only on the shield, but on the helmet as well. Sir Knight Crusader, Johan von Kemmerer, fought in the First Crusade. His Coat of Arms was in gold, sable and red. The shield was divided--one half sable and the other gold. On a triple mount red, two keys--the one on sable in gold and the one on gold, sable. Helmet, silver surmounted by a lion sable with gold coronet and holding a gold key. The crown and lion indicate royalty and the Keys, a chamberlain. It is therefore, naturally thought that at sometime an ancestor of this crusader, von Kemmerer must have been a nobleman related to the house of Wurtemberg in order to have the coronet and lion and the colors of that house in his Coat of Arms.[6] One

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[1]Kemmerer Family Association, **Two Centuries of Kemmerer Family History** 1730-1929

[2]Ibid.

[3]Dorothy Worma Swezak, **Swiss Family Worman; & Allied Families 1985** (Allentown Public Library, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.)

[4]Ibid.

[5]Fayerabend's **Geschichte Der Kreuz Zuge** (History of the Crusades and Crusaders-the first printed book published in Frankfort, Germany, A.D. 1583 and the most exhaustive and detailed history of its kind ever produced.

[6]Ibid.

reference said that Fredrick Kemmer/Kemmerer, born about 1701, was from Wurtemberg. Perhaps some descendant of the Kemmerers with a good knowledge of the German language and the ability to read the old German script, will be able to trace the history of the Kemmerer family back, generation by generation, to the crusader, Sir Knight von Kemmerer.

Salome Kemmerer, wife of John G. Yeisley, was born February 28, 1790 in Hamilton township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized April 2, 1790 in the Hamilton Township Union Church; sponsors were George Gauer and Marie Salome, his wife. Salome was the fourth child and the eldest daughter of Jacob Kemmerer and his wife, Eva Elizabeth Schleppi whose eight children were baptized in the same church.

While researching the Kemmerer families, another Salome, born November 26, 1798, a daughter of Jacob Kemmerer and his wife, Louise Elizabeth was, at first, confused with the Salome, daughter of (John) Jacob and his wife, Eva Elizabeth who was born eight years earlier. Jacob, the father of the younger Salome, was the grandson of Frederick of Lehigh County. This Jacob was the son of Henry, eldest son of Frederick. The children of Jacob and Louise Elizabeth were baptized in the Western Salisbury Church. Both Jacobs had sons named Jacob and John and daughters named Solome and Elizabeth. An extended history of Frederick Kemmerer and his descendants can be found in the **History of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania** by Charles Rhodes Roberts, and others, Vol. II, p. 627. Published by Lehigh Publishing Company, Allentown, Pennsylvania 1914. The property of Frederick, near Dillingersville, was not far from the Northampton County line. The close proximity of the children and grandchildren of the three emigrants indicates a strong bond and a close relationship to each other.

The father of John Jacob, Johannes Nicholas Kemmerer, Jr. and the grandfather, Nicholas Kemmer, Sr. lived in Forks township near Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. As early as 1777, in the church records of the First (German) Reformed Church of Easton we find Nicholas Jr. installed as a "deacon or steward of alms" and Nicholas, Sr. was installed as one of the elders. Both went out of office the following year. Nicholas, Sr. died April 1, 1797 at age 84. His birth date, computed from date of death, would make him born in the year 1713. His wife, Marie Elizabeth, was born in 1712 also computed from the death date of May 7, 1794 at 82 years. Their children (assumed to be) were: 1) John Nicholas Kemmerer, Jr. who resided in Forks Township; 2) Johannes who removed to Drylands and 3) (probably) Abraham. Also listed as sons of Johannes Nicholas, and his second wife, Juliana, were Philip and John Jacob. This John Jacob who was born December 13, 1767 moved to Monroe County and is the ancestor of the numerous progeny of that County and of Cherry Valley in particular.

One reference found said that John Jacob was the son of Johannes Nicholas Kemmerer, Jr. but without more information on his marriage and a list of his children, it is difficult to say for sure. However, we don't know that John Jacob belonged to this family. He was called Jacob in the records.

Jacob married, prior to May 13, 1782, Eva Schleppi, daughter of John Ulrich and Juliana Schleppi of Bethlehem township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. To them were born eight children:[7] 1) Conrad, born June 20, 18 1786; 2) Jacob, born November 7, 1787; 3) John, born February 5, 1789; 4) Salome, born February 28, 1790; 5) John George, born April 13, 1792; 6) Eva; 7) Elizabeth, born December 14, 1795; 8) Nicholas, born January 18, 1797. Eva died sometime after March 5, 1797 and before October of 1799, Jacob married Magdalena Yetter. They were the parents of five children: 1) Joseph, born June 9, 1800; 2) Catharina, born December 15, 1801; 3) Magdalena, born April 10, 1803; 4) Anna, born May 26, 1805; 5) Peter, born June 11, 1815.

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[7]**The Hamilton Union Church Record** was first located in Hamilton Township, Northampton County PA (Now Monroe County.) Contains Baptismal Communicant and Confirmation Records, Vol. 3 from 1768-1830 translated by Rev. A.S. Leiby, Pen Argyle, PA 1936.

Jacob served in the militia of Northampton County, Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War. In 1780, he was a Lieutenant in the Seventh Company of the Sixth Battalion under Col. Henry Geiger. In the same year, he served for eleven days as a Lieutenant in Captain Conrad Reeder's Company on the frontier against the Indians. The following year,he was commissioned a Lieutenant in Captain Smither's Company of the Sixth Battalion. In 1783 he was a Lieutentant to Captain Nicholas Miller in the Seventh Company of the First Battalion.

Jacob died prior to January 22, 1830 because on that day his youngest child, Peter, then over fourteen years old, presented a petition to the Orphan's Court at Easton asking that a guardian be appointed for him. His choice was John Hohenschield of Hamilton Township who was, I assume, the husband of his sister, Catharina Magdalena, second wife of Jacob, died 1841.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname KEMMERER

HUSBAND John Jacob Kemmerer (Pvt. & Lieutenant, Revolutionary War)
Born 12 Dec 1767 Germany or Pennsylvania
Married c. 1782 Berks County, (presently Lehigh Co.) Pennsylvania
Died Dec 1829 Hamilton Township, Northampton Co. (now Monroe Co.) PA
Buried
Husband's Father Johannes Nicholas Kemmerer, Sr. Mother Marie Elizabeth
Husband's other wives 2) Magdalena Yetter

WIFE 1) Eva Elizabeth Schleppi
Born 19 Nov 1759 Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania
Died between 1797-1799 Hamilton Township, Northampton Co. Pennsylvania
Buried
Wife's Father Johannes Ulrich Schleppi Mother Ann Eva
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Conrad Kemmerer
   b. 22 Jun 1786 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m. Mary Magdalena Hohenschild
   d. after 1848

2. Jacob Kemmerer
   b. 7 Nov 1787 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m. Regina Frantz

3. Johannes Kemmerer
   b. 5 Feb 1789 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m. Susanna Meixell
   d. 30 Nov 1866

** 4. Solomasch (Salome) Kemmerer
   b. 28 Feb 1790 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m. John G. Yeisley

5. John George Kemmerer
   b. 13 Apr 1792 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m. Susanna Roth

6. Eva Kemmerer
   b. 18 Oct 1793 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m. David Ettinger

7. Elizabet (Elizabeth) Elisabeth Kemmerer
   b. 14 Dec 1795 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania
   m.
   bur. 24 Sep 1810

8. Niclous (Nicholas)
   b. 18 Jan 1797 Hamilton Township, Monroe Co., Pennsylvania

9. Isaack Kemmerer
   b. 2 Apr 1798

Sources of Information:

(all 10 children of Jacob Kemmerer & Eva Elizabeth Schleppi Kemmerer were baptized at the Christ Lutheran & Reformed Church in Cherry Valley, Hamilton, Twp., Monroe Co., PA)
"History of the Tohicken Reformed Church - Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., PA by Rev. William John Hinke
"Two Centuries of Kemmerer Family History 1730-1929", compiled by The Kemmerer Family Assn., Inc., published by Searle & Bachman Co., Allentown, PA
"Descendants of Hans Ulrich Schleppi", compiled by Robert Samuel Schleppi Gateway Press, Baltimore 1977
Dorothy Miller Schriever, Canby, Oregon

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname KEMMERER

HUSBAND John Jacob Kemmerer (Pvt. & Lieutenant - Revolutionary War)
Born 12 Dec 1767 Germany or Pennsylvania
Married 1799 Hamilton Township, Northampton Co., PA (now Monroe Co.)
Died c. Dec 1829 Hamilton Township, Northampton Co., PA (now Monroe Co.)
Buried
Husband's Father Johannes Nicholas Kemmerer Mother Marie Elizabeth
Husband's other wives 1) Eva Elizabeth Schleppi

WIFE 2) Magdalena Yetter
Born
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Joseph Kemmerer
   b. 9 Jun 1800
   m.
   d.
   bur.

2. Catharina Kemmerer
   b. 15 Sep 1801
   m.
   d.
   bur.

3. Magdalena Kemmerer
   b. 10 Apr 1803
   m.
   d.
   bur.

4. Anna Kemmerer
   b. 26 May 1805
   m.
   d.
   bur.

5. Peter Kemmerer
   b. 11 Jun 1815
   m.
   d.
   bur.

Source of Information:
"Two Centuries of Kemmerer Family History 1730-1929" compiled by The Kemmerer Family Assn., Inc. published by Searle & Bachman Co., Allentown, PA
Dorothy Miller Schriever, Canby, Oregon

THE KEMMERER-SCHLEPPI CONNECTION

Hans (Johann) Ulrich Schleppi, the father of Eva Elizabeth Schleppi, wife of Joseph Kemmerer, was born in May 1720 probably in Switzerland. He may have been the grandson of Fredrich Schleppi whose widow, in 1726, with her three sons, Stephen, Ulrich and Samuel, emigrated from Lenk, Canton Bern, Switzerland to Bodingen, Germany (possibly now Homberg-Breden).[1]

Hans Ulrich may have been the son of either Stephen, Ulrich (born February 14, 1697 in Mittelbach, Germany) or Samuel. More research in Switzerland and Germany is needed to determine the father of Hans Ulrich Schleppi who arrived in America August 28, 1750 aboard the ship, Phoenix. This was the same ship that brought Nicklaus Yeisley and Conrad/Konrad Zellner to Philadelphia. All took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of England on the same day. Hans Ulrich, unlike many of the other Germans, signed his name instead of making an X (his mark). All three of these early ancestors settled first in Bucks County, Pennsylvania--that part which later became Northampton County. This suggests, but does not prove that these three men may have come from the same area in Germany.

About 1752, Hans Ulrich Schleppi married Anna Eva (surname unknown) and their ten children are listed in the Tohickon Reformed Church, Bedminister township, Bucks County and the Bethlehem township records in Easton, Northampton County.

1. Andrew Schleppi born circa 1753 Bucks County, Pennsylvania
2. Michael Schleppi, born c1754 Bucks County, Pennsylvania
3. Danial Schleppi, born c1756 Bucks County, Pennsylvania
4. Jacob Schleppi, born 1756 Bucks County, Pennsylvania
5. Anna Eva Schleppi, born 1756 Bucks County, Pennsylvania
6. Peter Schleppi, born 19 Feb 1758 Bucks County, Pennsylvania

**7. Eva Elizabeth Schleppi, born 19 Nov 1759 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
mother of Salome (Kemmerer) Yeisley

8. Anna Catherine Schleppi, born 25 Oct 1763 Bethlehem twp.
Northampton County, Pennsylvania
9. John Schelppi, boen 1764 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
10. Conrad Schelppi, born 9 Nov 1765 Northampton County, Pennsylvania

From the birth records of the children, we can see that Johann Ulrich Schleppi moved from Bucks County, Pennsylvania to Northampton County sometime between the years 1758 and 1759. He served during the Revolutionary War in the Pennsylvania Militia and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Bethlehem Company, Northampton County.

The death date for his wife, Anna Eva, was not found but it was during the ten year period between 1771 and 1781. Hans Ulrich's second wife, Juliana, was mentioned in his will when he said, "Juliana shall take all the goods she hath brought to me at her intermarriage to her own use, & I give and bequeath unto my said wife Juliana yearly & every year During her Natural Life Five Bushels of wheat, Five Bushels of Rye, the use of One Cow, One hundred weight of good Pork, & one half Bushel Salt." Johan Ulrich Schleppi died in Bethlehem township, Northampton County, at the age of sixty nine.

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[1]Robert Samuel Schleppi, **Descendants of Hans Ulrich Schleppi** Gateway Press, Baltimore, Maryland 1977.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname SCHLEPPI

HUSBAND (Lt.) Hans Ulrich Schleppi, Emigrant to America 28 Aug 1750
Born May 1720 prob. Germany or Switzerland
Married c1752
Died 30 Jul 1798 Bethlehem twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania
Buried
Husband's Father Friedrich Schleppi Mother
Husband's other wives 2) Julianna

WIFE 1) Anna Eva
Born
Died between 1771 and 1781 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children: (Notice variant spellings)

1. Andrew Schebi
   b. c1753
   m. Eva Barbara
   d. 1777

2. Michael Schleppi
   b. c1754 Pennsylvania
   m. Anna Maria Geringer

3. Daniel Schleppi
   b. c1755 Pennsylvania
   m. Margaret
   d. 1799

4. Jacob Schleppi
   b. 1756 Pennsylvania

5. Anna Eva Schlebi
   b. 1757 Pennsylvania

6. Peter Scheppy
   b. 18 Feb 1758 Bedminister twp., Bucks Co., Pennsylvania

** 7. Eva Elizabeth Schleppi
   b. 19 Nov 1759 Bedminister twp., Bucks Co., Pennsylvania
   m. John Jacob Kemmerer
   d.

8. Anna Catherine Schleppi
   b. 25 Nov 1759 Bethlehem twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania

Children of Hans Ulrich Schleppi and Anna Eva

9. John Schleppi
   b. 1764 Bethlehem twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania
   m. Barbara
   d. Feb 1807

10. Conrad Schleppi
   b. 9 Nov 1765 Bethlehem twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania

Source of Information:
Robert Samuel Schleppi, Descendants of HANS ULRICH SCHLEPPI, 1977

GEORGE ADAM YEISLEY (1753-1825) - CHRISTINE ZELLNER (1755-1851)

Variant spellings of the Yeisley surname include, Yeisle, Geissle, Jeisly, Jensz, and Jaulfe in the old records were, for the most part, found in the church records which were originally written in German and translated a hundred years or more later.

George Adam Yeisley was born in the year 1753 in Northampton County,[1] Pennsylvania. He was the son of Nicklaus Yeisley and his second wife, Juliana, emigrants to America in 1750. George Adam married, about 1774, Elizabeth Zellner, daughter of Conrad Zellner and his wife, Margaretha Kemmerer. The first child of George Adam and Elizabeth was Marie Catherine, baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The entry named the parents, Georg Adam and Lisabeth Jensz; the child, Marie Catherine, 20 (month?) 1775; the sponsors were Konrath Zollner and wife Margaretha. A second child, Georg Christian, was born October 2, 1776; parents listed were Georg Adam Jiesely and wife, Elisabetha; the church was Reformed Church, Zionsville, Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The sponsors named were Christian Zoeller and Susanna Federman. Christian was the brother of Elizabeth. Marie Catherine must have died in early childhood since no other reference for her was found. Until recently, there was some confusion as to the identity of the wife of George Adam as both names, Elizabeth and Christine, were found in the records. Thinking they were one and the same, some researchers called her Elizabeth Christine. In fact, they were sisters as proved by the will of their father, Conrad Zellner. No record of the death of Elizabeth could be found, but it must have been soon after the death of her son, George Christian. Unless there was another son, George Christian's name was changed to Nicholas and was so named in his grandfather, Conrad Zellner's, will.

Three more Children of George Adam and Christine were baptized in the (German) Reformed Church at Zionsville:

Parents	Child	Sponsors
George Adam Jeysly Christina	Charlotte Dec 12, 1779 Mar 24, 1780	Michael Jeysly Catherine Zoller
Georg Adam Jeysly Christine	Christina Sept 25, 1781 Nov 4, 1781	Conrad Seller (Zellner) Elisabetha Jeysley (both single)
Georg Adam Jeysly Christina	Conrad June 1, 1783 Mar 23, 1783	Conrad Zoller Margaretha

By 1787, George Adam and his family were attending The First Reformed Church of Easton, Pennsylvania. These records were also written in German and translated by the Rev. Henry Martyn Kieffer, D.D.[2] Note variant spelling of Yeisley and Zellner.

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[1]George Adam lived in Northampton County, just over the line from what is now Lehigh county (formed in 1812 from Northampton).

[2]Records published in **Some of the First Settlers of the Forks of Delaware**...Translated and published by the Rev. Henry Martyn Kieffer, D.D. 1902.

Parents	Child	Sponsor
George Adam Geissle and Christina	John 6 April 1787 17 June 1787	George Lerch and Elizabeth
George Adam Geissle and Christina	Anna Maria 22 Oct 1788 30 Nov 1788	Christian Hertzel and Anna Maria
Georg Adam Geisli (Yeisley ?) and his wife Christina	Jacob 18 Jan 1795 15 Mar 1795	Peter Zeller and his wife Elizabeth

George Adam was made a deacon in the First Reformed Church in Easton in 1788 and an Elder in 1795.

In 1790, George Adam took up a tract of wild land in what is now Smithfield township, Monroe County which was formed in 1836 from parts of Pike and Northampton Counties. On this property, George Adam built a log house and, in 1795, moved his family there. A description of this house was found in **The Unwritten History of Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania** by Luther S. Hoffman 1938. This history was printed by the Artcraft Press, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

> *The oldest log house still standing in the township was built in 1795 by George A. Yeisley. He, with his family and small outfit of cooking utensils, furniture and tools, came up from near Easton, Pa. They came by way of Wind Gap, made their way over trails and through thick forests, and settled along Marshalls Creek. The log house he built is 32 feet long, 24 feet wide, and one and one half stories high. The first story is divided into two rooms-kitchen and living room. The kitchen is 12 feet by 24 feet with three windows. The second floor is one large room with rafters and shingles forming the ceiling. In this house, he reared his family of seven children. When his oldest son, Peter, married, he (George A.) retired from farming and built himself a stone house a little way up the creek. Peter and his wife began farming and at the same time children were born to them, until sixteen boys and girls were crowded in that small house. Then there was a break made by building a frame addition 16 feet by 24 feet. This made an extra room on both the first and second floor.*

A picture of the log house was just below the above paragraph, but the Xerox copy was too dim to reproduce here. The log house, I am told, is still standing. In 1959, Laura Yeisley Benson with a relative, Ernest Yeisley, visited Smithfield township in Monroe County. The roof of the cabin had been replaced the year before and the following year the foundation was to be repaired.

George Adam and Christine reared their children in this house. It is difficult for us, nearly two hundred years later, to imagine living conditions in such crowded quarters. As the children grew up and married, they moved out and made homes of their own.

Peter remained at home. When he married and began to raise a family, George Adam built a stone house up the creek, retired from farming and let his son take over the farming operation. He and Christine spent the rest of their days in the new stone house. George Adam died in Lower Smithfield township, Shawnee, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, November 1825 at the age of seventy-three. He was buried in the Shawnee Presbyterian Chruch Cemetery on the Delaware River. Christine outlived her husband by twenty-six years, died March 28, 1851. She was buried beside her husband. George Adam's will was written on June 25, 1825 and entered for probate on November 18, 1825.

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND George Adam Yeisley, Farmer
Born 1752 May have been Bucks Co., PA or Northampton Co. aft. 1752
Married c. 1775
Died Nov 1825 Monroe County, Pennsylvania (Will probate #3695)
Buried Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Shawnee on the Delaware
Husband's Father Nicklaus Yeisley Mother Julianna
Husband's other wives 2) Christine Zoller/Zellner, sister of Elizabeth

WIFE Elizabeth Zoller/Zellner
Born
Died c. 1777/78
Buried
Wife's Father Conrad Zellner Mother Margaretha Kemmerer
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Nicholas Yeisley
   b. 2 Oct 1776 prob. Williams Township, Northampton Co., Pennsylvania
   m. 28 May 1798 Sarah Knecht

2. George C. Yeisley (twin of Nicholas)
   No other record--must have died in infancy

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND George Adam Yeisley, Farmer
Born 1752 Northampton County, Pennsylvania (may have been Bucks Co.)
Married c1778
Died Nov 1825 Monroe County, Pennsylvania
Buried Shawnee Presbyterian Cemetery, Shawnee on the Delaware
Husband's Father Nicklaus Yeisley Mother Julianna
Husband's other wives 1) Elizabeth/Zellner, sister of Christine

WIFE 2) Christine Zollern (spelled Zellner in father's will 1812)
Born 1755 Easton, Northampton, Pennsylvania
Died 28 Mar 1851 Monroe County, Pennsylvania
Buried Shawnee Presbyterian Cemetery, Shawnee on the Delaware
Wife's Father Conrad Zellner Mother Margaretha Kemmerer
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Charlotte Yeisley
   b. 12 Dec 1779 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. 7 Aug 1803 Abraham Stern
   d. 1844 Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania
2. Christine Yeisley
   b. 25 Sep 1781 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. 27 Feb 1803 Abraham Hartzel
   d. 7 Jul 1872

3. Conrad Yeisley
   b. 1 Jan 1783 Northhampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. Magdalene Stern

** 4. John G. Yeisley Went to Ashland County, Ohio c. 1820
   b. 26 Mar 1789
   m. Salome Kemmerer, daughter of Jacob Kemmerer
   d. 15 Oct 1843 Richland County, Ohio

5. Anna Maria Yeisley
   b. 22 Oct 1788 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   d. 4 May 1809 Monroe County, Pennsylvania

6. Susanna Yeisley
   b. c1790 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. William Fish

7. Peter Yeisley
   b. 14 Jan 1793 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. c1811 Catherine Transue
   d. 18 May 1884 Monroe County, Pennsylvania
   bur. Smithfield Cemetery, Monroe County, Pennsylvania

8. Jacob Yeisley
   b. 18 Jan 1795 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. 1815 Rachel Transue, daughter of Jacob Transue and Anna M. Yates
   d. 12 May 1883 Woodbine, Harrison County, Iowa

WILL OF GEORGE ADAM YEISLEY

In the name of God Amen.

I George Adam Yeisley of Smithfield Township in the County of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania being in perfect health of body and sound of mind memory and understanding blefsed be God for the same, but uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit,

Principally, and first of all, I commend my immortal soul to into the hands of God, who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent and christian like manner, and as to such Worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to blefs me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner, to wit, after my just debts and funeral expenses are first paid--I give and bequeath unto my Dear Wife which I may be seized of all and singular my household furniture for and during her natural lifetime -- I give and bequeath all the rest of my Estate unto all my children share and share alike -- and after the decease of my said wife, I give and bequeath the said articles given to her during her lifetime, unto my said children share and share alike--And lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my sons Nicholas and Jacob Yeisley to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament and declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witnefs whereof I have here unto set my Hand and Seal this twenty-fifth Day of June A. D. 18 .

(Signed) George Adam Yeisley

Northampton County Pa

On the 18 day of November A.D. 1825 personally appeared before me Charles L. Eberle Deputy Registrar & in and for the County aforesaid Henry A. Raub and George Jurie(?) the subscribing witnefses to the within will and being duly sworn according to Law did depose & say that they were present and saw and heard George A. Yeisley the Testator and at the time of so doing he was of sound and well disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief and that they signed the same as witnefses at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Witness my hand L. Eberle DR

Same day letter Testamentary were
granted to Nicholas and Jacob Yeisley
the Executors within named in the will--

(Written June 5, 1825) (Entered for Probate November 18, 1825)

George Adam served during the Revolutionary War as a private in the Fifth Class of the Northampton County Militia.[3] This service entitles any of his descendants to membership in the Daughers or Sons of the Revolution (DAR or SAR) if they so desire and can meet other criteria.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS
ROOM 221, EDUCATION BUILDING
HARRISBURG

October 16, 1961

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that one G E O R G E A D A M Y E I S S L Y was enrolled as a Private, in Fifth Class, Captain John Jacoby's Second Company, First Battalion, Northampton County Militia, according to a General Return for the period November 1, 1781 - January 1, 1782.

Wm. H. Work

William H. Work
Associate Archivist

Authority: Military Accounts (Militia), Records of the Comptroller General, at the Division of Public Records.

Residence ascribed: Upper Milford Township

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[3]Pennsylvania Archives Vol. VIII, Series V, page 51

CONRAD ZELLNER (17xx-1812) - MARGARETHA KEMMERER (c1727-17xx)

Conrad Zellner arrived in Philadelphia August 28, 1750 aboard the ship, **Phoenix** and on that day, signed the Oath of Allegiance to the King of England.[1] This was the same ship that brought Nicklaus Yeisley and Hans Ulrich Schleppi to Pennsylvania. All three settled in the same area. This suggests that the three men, all of German origin, may have been neighbors in the old country and decided to come to America at the same time.

The Zellner name was spelled in a variety of ways on the church and public records, Zollner, Zollern, Zellener, Zelner depending on the pastor or clerk who entered their names on the records. One pastor of the German Reformed Church used three different spellings for the same person. Sometimes the given name, Conrad, was used, sometimes it was Konrad, the German form.

The wife of Conrad was Margaretha Kemmerer. Since ship lists seldom give names or number of dependants of the adult males, we do not know whether Conrad was married when he arrived in America. Dorothy Worman Swezak, in her book[2] said that Margaret Kemmerer, born circa 1727 was the wife of Conrad Zellner.

Conrad and his wife, Margaretha, were the parents of eight children, three sons, Johannes, Conrad and Christian and five daughters, Elizabeth, 1st wife of George Adam Yeisley, Christine, 2nd wife of George Adam,Yeisley, Magdalena, wife of Frederick Kemmerer, Catherina, wife of Matheias Ox, and Eva, wife of Valentin Reinhard.[3]

Conrad and Margaretha were the sponsors at the baptism of at least four of their grandchildren listed in the Zion Lutheran Church "Old Zionsville" records. They were, Marie Katherine, baptized 1775, daughter of Georg Adam and Lisabeth Jensz (Yeisley); Matteas (Matheias) Ox baptized May 16, 1781, son of Matteas Ox and his wife, Catherina; Rosina, baptized Nov. 22 17--, daughter of Fredrick Kemmerer and wife Magdalena and Dorthea, born January 17, 1785, daughter of John Zollener and wife, Elizabeth.[4]

No date or place of burial was found for Margaretha, the first wife of Conrad but she died sometime before 1812 because, in his will, Conrad spoke of his wife Catherina and, besides the sixty three pounds and four shillings specified in his will, continued, "Furthermore, it is my will that my wife, Catherina, mentioned above, shall have returned to her, as her property, her bed with bedstead and all appurtenances, as well as her chest and all household articles and all other items, whatever they may be or how they may be called, which she brought to me, and has done so sufficiently, before I married her, and that she dispose of those as she pleases." Thus, he recognized her right to the material things that she brought to the household as hers and not to be considered as personal property of the estate.

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[1]Strassburger and Hinke **Pennsylvania German Pioneers** 1934 Vol. I p. 440

[2]Dorothy Worman Swezak, **Swiss Family Worman**: Allied Families 1985 p. 148,149

[3]Dorothy Swezak named another child, Rosina, born Nov. 5, 1784, who died in infancy. She made the statement that "Frederick Kemmerer, born 24 May 1746, was married circa 1779 to Magdalena Zellner, a daughter of Conrad Zelloner and his wife, Margaret Nee Kemmerer."

[4]These were the children named in Conrad's will.

Eight children were named in Conrad's will: Elizabetha, Christine, Magdalena, Catharina, Eva, Johannes, Conrad and Christian. The three sons having been previously provided for, were not to share in the final settlement. The estate was to be divided and each daughter or her heirs, was to recieve 1/5th of the estate. Elizabetha, wife of George Adam Yeisley, was dead, but her son, Nicholas was to receive his mother's share. No mention was made of Marie Katherine, the first born, so it is assumed that she died in infancy. Magdalena, the wife of Frederick Kemmerer, was also dead. Conrad mentioned another granddaughter, Magdalena, to whose husband, Johan Georg Reichenbach, Conrad had loaned twenty-four pounds and two shillings "which I consider to be part of the inheritance."

When Conrad wrote his will on June 25, 1812, he was living in Upper Milford township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. He died three months later. The will was entered for probate September 17, 1812. (File #2826 Bk. 4 p. 446-449 Easton, county seat of Northampton County.)[5]

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[5]Translated from old records written in German

Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname ZELLNER

HUSBAND Conrad Zellner
Born Germany
Married
Died 1812 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
Buried
Husband's Father Mother
Husband's other wives

WIFE Margaretha/Margaret Kemmerer
Born c.1727
Died
Buried
Wife's Father Mother
Wife's Other Husbands

Children:

1. Elizabeth Zellner
   b.
   m. c. 1776 George Adam Yeisley, son of Nicklaus Yeisley & Julianna
   d. c. 1777 Northampton County, Pennsylvania

2. Christine Zellner
   b.
   m. c. 1778 George Adam Yeisley, son of Nichlaus Yeisley & Julianna
   d. 28 Mar 1851 Monroe County, Pennsylvania

Magdalena)
Eva)
Christine) Names of other children named in Will
Conrad)
Christian)

Source of Information:
Will of Conrad Zellner

CONRAD ZELLNER'S WILL

(Translated from the German)

In the name of God, Amen. I, Conrad Zellner, the older one, from Uppermilford Township, Northhampton County, and Pennsylvania State, at present being frail in body but, thanks to the Lord, of common sense and perfectly sound mind, herewith make known this, my last Will and Testament, and bequeath my possessions and assets in the following manner. First, it is my will that after my death all my legitimate debts shall be paid off. Furthermore, it is my will that my wife, Catharina, or the person designated by her, shall receive from my assets, through my executor, named later on, the sum of sixty-three Pound and four Shilling, payable in good and marketable currency, as soon as there is enough money in the account. Furthermore, it is my will that my wife, Catharina, mentioned above, shall have returned to her, as per property, her bed with bedstead and all appurtenances, as well as her chest and all household articles and all other items, whatever they may be or how they may be called, which she brought to me, and has done so sufficiently, before I married her, and that she may dispose of those as she pleases. Also, the clock shall be hers, and furthermore, it is my will that all my property, which I leave behind, shall be sold in a public sale to the highest bidder, and all proceeds, may they be in interest, promissory notes, or cash, after all legitimate expenses have been deducted, shall be divided into five equal parts and paid to my legitimate heirs, or to the persons as designated by them, as follows, under the condition that all the money which I already have paid to or for them, and as I will note hereafter, will be deducted correctly, however without interest - that is, to my daughter Elisabetha, who was married to Georgadam Jeysly before she passed away, to her son, Nicolaus Jeysly, who was left behind, a full fifth, of which I have already paid him the sum of nine pound, - furthermore, to my daughter Christina, who is married to the above mentioned Georgadam Jeysly, a full fifth - and furthermore, to my daughter Magdalena, who was married to Friedrich Kemmerer, before she passed away, to her children a full fifth, divided up equally - however, I have paid already to and for their father, Friederich Kemmerer, the sum of thirty-five Pound and nine Shilling - furthermore, to my daughter Catharina, who is married to Matheias Ox, a full fifth of which, as mentioned above, Catharina shall have the interest annually, as long as she lives, and which, after her death, shall be divided up in equal parts for her children, but I also have already given to the beforementioned Matheias Ox the sum of eight Pound and five Shilling - and furthermore, to my daughter Eva (widow of the deceased Vallentin Reinhard) a full fifth - furthermore, and because I have paid to and for Johan Georg Reichenbach, who is married to one of my daughter's children, i.e. Margaretha, the sum of twenty-four Pound and two Shilling, which I consider to be part of the inheritance, and besides this, he has in his possession a stove with appurtenances, which I bequeath to the beforementioned Margaretha, to be her property as long as she lives and which, after her death, shall fall to her children at equal parts - and furthermore and lastly, I remember my three sons, which are, Johannes Zellner, Conrad Zellner and Christian Zellner - and it is my will that they not receive any part of my estate since each and everyone of them has received his full inheritance from me and my estate - and furthermore, I elect, order and resolve that my true friends and neighbors, i.e. Jacob Shantz and Jacob Ehrhart, shall act as my rightful and lawful executors of this my last will and testament, and I wish that it will be executed faithfully and exactly in accordance with its true sense and intention.

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
Register of Wills
Northampton County Government Center
7th & Washington Streets
Easton, Pennsylvania 18042-7485

Will of Conrad Zellner
copy of part of 1st page
Original in German

Im Namen Gottes Amen — Ich Conrad Zellner, der älter
von Obermilford Taunschip Northampton Caunty, und Staat
von Pennsylvanien — befinde mich — gegenwärtig gebrech-
lich dem Leibe nach — aber Gott sey dank, noch bey gesundem
Verstande und vollkommener Vernunft — Mache hier mit
diesem gegenwärtigen — meinen Letzten Willen und Testam-
vermache und bestimme [illegible]
mögen auf [illegible] folgende [illegible] — Erstlich ist mein
Wille und will daß nach meinem Tode alle meine rechtmäßige
Schulden sollen abbezahlt werden — ferner ist mein Wille,
daß mein Eheweib Catharina auß meinem Vermögen habe
soll nämlich die Summa von drey und sechzig Pfund vier Schilling
und neun pens in gut und gangbarem Geld zu bezahlen an
sie oder ihren beorderte, bey meinem hiernach benannten Executor
so bald hinlänglich Geld ein kommt — ferner ist mein Wille
daß mein Eheweib Catharina wie vorgemeldt ihren [illegible] und ihr
Bett mit Bettstadt und allem Zugehör wie auch ihr Kiste, wie auch
alle Articul von Hauß- haltungs geräthschaften und andern
Sachen sie mögen auch sein oder Nahmen haben wie sie wol-
len die sie zu mir gebracht und gewonnen hat ehe und bevor ich
sie geheyrathet habe wieder haben soll als ihr Eigenthum, und
damit zu thun was sie will, wie auch die Sach Uhr soll auch ihr gehören
und ferner ist mein Wille daß alle mein hinterlassenes Vermö-
gen auf öffentlicher Vendu an die höchstbietende, verkauft wer-

By these presents, I declare and acknowledge this as my last will and testament and sign and seal it with my own hand, today, the twenty-fifth of June, in the year of the Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, in the presense of the following witnesses -

After acceptance and upon request we have signed our names as witnesses.

Abraham Kaufmann

Conrad Zellner

Jacob Oberholtzer

File #2826 Bk. 4 p. 446
Upper Milford Twp.
Northampton Co., PA

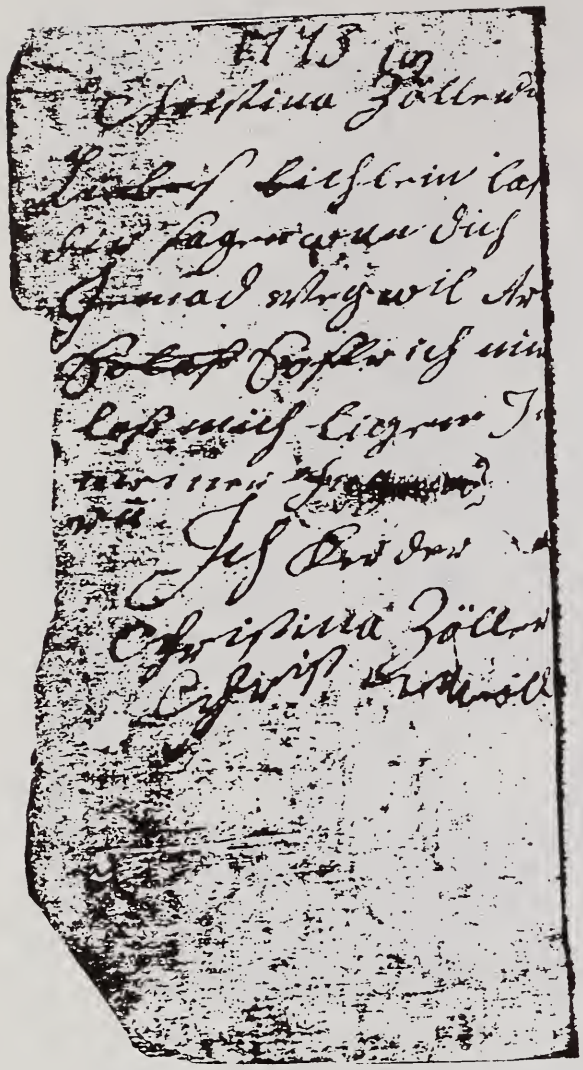
This notation was written on a blank page in the front of the Bible:

Quantico, V A
12 Oct. 1937

This book once the property of George A. Yeisley, my great, great grandfather was bought by Mr. Luther S. Hoffman of East Stroudsburg, Pa. from the estate of my great grandfather, Peter Yeisley. At the time Mr. Hoffman bought this book, it had no binder. Mr. Hoffman had it rebound and presented it to me on 12 December 1937.

The name written in German on the original fly-leaf is that of my great, great grandmother, it being her maiden name, Christina Zollern dated 1773

(Signed) Paul W. Yeisley
Comdr. U.S. Navy



Translation:

To you, my dearest
book I say Should
some one try to
take you away
It would be kinder
to leave you with me

My sweetest token
of sweet memory

(signed)
Christina Zöllern

Fly-leaf in Bible of Christina Zollern

Capt. Paul Yeisley gave the Bible to Laura Benson whose father, Rev. William A. Yeisley spent many, many years collecting Yeisley family records.

NICKLAUS YEISLEY (1712-1790) - JULIANNA 17xx-17xx)

The first record found of our German emigrant, Nicklaus Yeisley, was dated August 28, 1750 when he arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship **Phoenix**, Captain John Mason, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, England.[1]

Because the colonies belonged to England, foreign ships bound for America were required to put in at an English port for clearance and assessments before crossing the Atlantic. Philadelphia was the port through which the majority of German immigrants entered America. They came in such numbers during the first half of the eighteenth century--seventy to eighty thousand of them--that, by 1750, they made up about half of the population of Philadelphia. That year, fourteen ships loaded with German-Swiss immigrants discharged their passengers at the Port of Philadelphia.[2] The number of passengers was not always recorded on the ship lists but each ship carried 250-350 passengers.

The arrival of such large numbers of Germans to a predominately English speaking colony began to cause the King of England some concern: he feared that these foreigners might become a controlling force in the colony and a threat to English rule. He then required the adult men to sign an Oath of Allegiance to the King of England as they disembarked. Even though ship captains in those days were not required to keep a list of their passengers, we can identify thousands of the Germans and the ships on which they came. Many brought their wives and children and a few of the ship lists gave the names of the wives and children. A few gave the number of passengers. These lists have been preserved and, years later, Daniel Rupp complied the lists and published them. Later, Strassberger and Hinke published a book in which they reproduced the original lists and included an index, thus giving genealogists a most valuable research tool.[3]

Gottlieb Mittleberger, an organist for the German Lutheran Church also arrived in America in 1750. He gave such a graphic description of his journey down the Rhine to Rotterdam, to Cowes, England and then to Philadelphia that part of what he wrote will be reproduced here.[4]

> *This journey lasted from the beginning of May to the end of October, fully half a year, amid such hardships as no(one) is able to describe adequately with* their *misery.*
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> *They came because the Rhine-boats from Heilbaron to Holland have to pass 36 custom houses, at all of which the ships are examined, which is done when it suits the customhouse officials. In the meantime the ships with the people are detained long, so that the passengers have to spend much money.*
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> *When the ships come to Holland, they are detained there likewise 5 or 6 weeks....*

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[1]See Appendix I p.

[2]Daniel Rupp, **A Collection of Upward of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776**

[3]Ralph Strassberger and William Hinke, **Pennsylvania German Pioneers** Vol. I p. 440

[4]Gottlieb Mittleberger, **Journey to Pennsylvania in the Year 1750 and Return to Germany in the Year 1754** (Translated by Carl T. Eben, New York 1898 and reprinted in the **North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal** Vol. I February 1978) .

Both in Rotterdam and in Amsterdam the people are packed closely, like herring so to say, in the large sea-vessels. One person receives a place scarcely 2 feet width and 6 feet length in the bedstead, while many a ship carries four to six hundred souls; not to mention the innumerable implements, tools, provisions, water barrels and other things which likewise occupy much space.

On account of contrary winds it takes the ships sometimes 2, 3, and 4 weeks to make the trip from Holland to Kaupp (Cowes) England. But when the wind is good, they get there in 8 days or even sooner...many suffer want already on the water between Holland and Old England.

When the ships have for the last time weighed their anchors near the city of Kaupp (Cowes) in Ole England, the real misery begins with the long voyage. For from there the ships, unless they have good wind, must often sail 8, 9, 10, to 12 weeks before they reach Philadelphia. But even with the best wind the voyage lasts 7 weeks.

But during the voyage there is on board these ships terrible misery, stench, fumes, horror, vomiting, many kinds of seasickness, fever, dysentry, headache, heat, constipation, boils, scurvy, cancer, mouth-rot, and the like, all of which comes from old and sharply salted food and meat, also from very bad and foul water, so that many die miserably.

Add to this want of provisions, hunger, thirst, frost, heat, dampness, anxiety, want, afflictions and lamentations, together with other trouble as c.v. The lice abound so frightfullly, especially on sick people, that they can be scraped off the body. The misery reaches the climax when a gale ranges for 2 or 3 nights and days, so that everyone believes that the ship will go to the bottom with all human beings on board. In such a visitation the people cry and pray most piteously...

At length, when, after a long and tedious voyage, the ships come in sight of land, so that the promontories can be seen, which people were so eager and anxious to see, all creep from below the deck to see the land from afar, and they weep for joy, and pray and sing, thanking and praising God. The sight of land makes the people on board the ship especially the sick and half-dead, well again so that their hearts leap within them, they shout and rejoice, and are content to bear their misery in patience, in hope that they may soon reach the land in safety. But Alas!

When the ships have landed at Philadelphia after their long voyage, no one is permitted to leave them except those who pay for their passage or can give good security; the others who cannot pay, must remain on board the ships till they are purchased, and are released from the ships by their purchasers.

The sale of human beings in the market and on board ship is carried on thus: Every Englishman, Dutchman and High-German people come from the city of Philadelphia and other places, in part for a great distance, say twenty, thirty, or forty hours away, and go on board the newly arrived ship that has brought and offers for sale passengers from Europe, and select among the healthy persons such as they deem suitable for their business, and bargain with them how long they will serve three, four, five, or six years for the amount due them, according to their age and strength. But very young people, from 10-15 years, must serve till they are 21 years old.

When people arrive who cannot make themselves free, but have children under five years old, the parents cannot free themselves by them; for such children must be given to somebody with compensation to be brought up, and they must serve out their bringing up till they are 21 years old. Children from five to ten years, who pay half their passage, viz., thirty florins, must likewise serve for it till they are twenty-one years of age: they cannot

therefore redeem their parents by taking the debt of the latter upon themselves. But Children above ten years can take part of their parents' debt upon themselves.

A woman must stand for her husband if he arrives sick, and in like manner, a man for his sick wife, and take the debt upon herself or himself, and thus serve five or six years not alone for his or her debt, but also that of the sick husband or wife. But if both are sick, such persons are sent from the ship to the sickhouse (hospital), but not until it appears probable that they will find no purchasers. As soon as they are well again they must serve for their passage, or pay if they have the means.

When a husband or wife had died at sea, when the ship has made more than half of her trip, the survivor must pay or serve not only for himself or herself, but also for the deceased.

When both parents have died over half-way at sea, their children, especially when they are young and have nothing to pawyn or pay, must stand for their own parents' passage, and serve until they are 21 years old. When one has served his or her term, he or she is entitled to a new suit of clothes at parting; and if it has been so stipulated, a man gets in addition a horse; a woman, a cow...

In another place, Mittleberger described the deplorable conditions on his ship and the suffering endured by those poor German-Swiss people. He said that, "the food was dirty and that the passengers got warm food only three times a week--that the water was black and full of worms--the biscuits were full of red worms and spider nests, and finally, when they reach land, they are barely able to walk."

The cost of the journey from Rotterdam to Philadelphia was 10 pounds or 60 florins--Children 5-10 years old go at half price. The cost to Rotterdam was 40 florins and this did not include the tolls exacted at the custom houses on the Rhine.

Little do we realize the suffering and sacrifices born by our ancestors who came to this country to obtain the freedom and independance we not only enjoy today, but consider to be our inborn right.

Conditions of the arrivals in Philadelphia were so deplorable and so many were unable to work that the colonists complained to the British authorities who put pressure on the ship captains to stop overloading their ships with human cargo and to provide better conditions on the ships. If the captains did not conform, they could be denied permission to clear the English port. After that, things did get some better but, at best, the trip was a grueling experience.

It would be interesting to know how much money Nicklaus had in his pocket when he left his home in Germany and how much was left when he landed in Philadelphia. We know that he paid for his passage and any dependants or he would have become an indentured servant (pledged to work for a farmer or merchant for a certain number of years) and would not have been eligible to own land. On September 5, 1751, a year after landing, a 50-acre tract of land in Bucks County, Pennsylvania was entered in his name.[5] A thorough search of the records in Doylestown, county seat of Bucks County, did not produce the original deed. By 1752, Nicklaus's farm was then located in Williams township south of Easton in Northampton County. This was probably the same tract of land. Northampton was formed in 1752 from a part of the original Bucks County.

I guess we will never know whether Nicklaus's first wife died in Germany or aboard the ship, but we do know that he had a son, Michael with him and that he took a second wife, Julianna (maiden name unknown). Nicklaus and Julianna may have been married aboard ship or shortly after arriving in Philadelphia.

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Genealogical Record
Family Group Sheet

Surname YEISLEY

HUSBAND Nicklaus Yeisley, Farmer, Emigrant Ancestor
Born 24 Jan 1712 Germany to America 1750
Married c1752
Died Mar 1790 Near Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania
Buried 26 Mar 1790 Zion's Church (Reformed) Zion'ville, Pennsylvania
Husband's Father _____ Mother _____
Husband's other wives _____

WIFE Julianna
Born _____
Died _____
Buried _____
Wife's Father _____ Mother _____
Wife's Other Husbands _____

Children:

1. George Adam Yeisley
   b. 1752 Bucks (or Northampton) County, PA (Northampton was formed from Bucks County, 1752
   m. c1776 1) Elizabeth Zollern
   c1778 2) Christine Zollern, d/Conrad Zollern/Zellner
   d. 1825 Northampton County (now Monroe), Pennsylvania

2. Nicholas Yeisley
   b. 28 Aug 1758 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. Sarah Richards

3. Elizabeth Yeisley
   b. 9 Jan 1764 Northampton County, Pennsylvania
   m. John Hartzel/Hartsell

CHART NO. 1

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 1 ON CHART NO. 1

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 James Walter Yeisley
BORN 21 Dec 1932
WHERE Grundy, Co., MO
WHEN MARRIED 28 Jun 1958
DIED (liv) 1986
WHERE Houston, Harris, TX

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
JoAnn "Jody" Jones

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Personal Records of:
Pearl Davison Yeisley
Mary Yeisley Hubbard
Bible Records of:
David Yeisley
Marriage Records of:
Nodaway Co., Missouri
Buchanan Co., Missouri
Jackson Co., Missouri
Census Records: 1880; 1900
1910 Nodaway Co., Missouri

2 Walter Cole Yeisley
BORN 5 Sep 1900
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri
WHEN MARRIED 1 Aug 1925
DIED 12 Sep 1976
WHERE Coin, Page Co., Iowa

3 Pearl Davison
BORN 24 Oct 1903
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri
DIED (liv) 1986
WHERE Coin, Page Co., Iowa

4 Walter Yeisley
BORN 23 Oct 1875
WHERE Arkoe, Nodaway Co., MO
WHEN MARRIED 23 Aug 1899
DIED 6 Apr 1966
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

5 Allie Belle Coulter
BORN 3 Sep 1879
WHERE Essex, Page Co., Iowa
DIED 22 May 1972
WHERE Washington Co., Nebraska

6 James Lyman Davison
BORN 5 Apr 1871
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri
WHEN MARRIED 12 Sep 1898
DIED 21 Feb 1953
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

7 Mollie Ross
BORN 1874
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri
DIED 6 Oct 1907
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

8 David Yeisley
BORN 30 Dec 1826
WHERE Ashland Co., Ohio
WHEN MARRIED 21 Dec 1870
DIED 17 May 1917
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

9 Medina (Sherer) Rich
BORN 27 Feb 1833
WHERE Indiana
DIED 21 Feb 1904
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

10 Charles Elliot Coulter
BORN 15 Mar 1856
WHERE Lawrence Co., Ohio
WHEN MARRIED 21 Dec 1891
DIED 5 Sep 1925
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

11 Ollie Hastings
BORN 8 Nov 1860
WHERE
DIED 9 Nov 1884
WHERE

12 Henry I. Davison
BORN 1837
WHERE Michigan
WHEN MARRIED c1868
DIED 1890
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

13 Isabelle Forest
BORN 1842
WHERE Illinois
DIED 1925
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

14 Elijah Ross
BORN Dec 1815
WHERE Kentucky
WHEN MARRIED 1 Nov. 1853
DIED 1903
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

15 Elizabeth Thomas
BORN Feb. 1830
WHERE TN
DIED 1905
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

16 John G. Yeisley, s/of Geo. Adam
CONT. ON CHART 2

17 Salome Kemmerer, dau/of Jacob
CONT. ON CHART 2

18 Solomon Sherer, s/of Christian
CONT. ON CHART 3

19 Mary Geeding
CONT. ON CHART

20 Adam Coulter, s/of William
CONT. ON CHART 3

21 Rebecca Wiseman, dau/of Isaac
CONT. ON CHART 3

22 Byron D. "Turney" Hastings
CONT. ON CHART

23 Sarah Gallion
CONT. ON CHART

24 Lyman Davison, s/of Henry
CONT. ON CHART 5

25 Miranda Childs
CONT. ON CHART

26 James A. Forest, s/of Dennis
CONT. ON CHART 7

27 Rachel Munson, dau/of George
CONT. ON CHART 7

28 Catesby (?) Ross
CONT. ON CHART

29 Elizabeth (?)
CONT. ON CHART

30 Jacob Thomas
CONT. ON CHART 8

31 Mary Callihan
CONT. ON CHART 8

CHART NO. 2

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 4 ON CHART NO. 1

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 Walter Yeisley
BORN 23 Oct 1875
WHERE Nodaway Co., MO
WHEN MARRIED 23 Aug 1899
DIED 6 Apr 1966
WHERE Nodaway Co., MO

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Allie Belle Coulter

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Walter Yeisley Bible Rec.
1850 Census Ashland Co.OH
Laura (Yeisley Benson Rec.
Easton, Northampton Co. PA Church Records
PA GERMAN PIONEERS
HISTORY OF LEHIGH CO. PA

2 David Yeisley
BORN 30 Dec 1826
WHERE Ashland Co., Ohio
WHEN MARRIED 21 Dec 1870
DIED 17 May 1917
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

3 Medina Sherer
BORN 27 Feb 1833
WHERE Indiana
DIED 24 Feb 1904
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

4 John G. Yeisley
BORN 6 Apr 1787
WHERE Northampton Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED c1810
DIED 15 Oct 1843
WHERE Ashland Co., Ohio

5 Salome Kemmerer
BORN 28 Feb 1790
WHERE Northampton Co., PA
DIED
WHERE Ashland Co., Ohio

6 Solomon Sherer
BORN 6 Jun 1803
WHERE North Carolina
WHEN MARRIED 10 Dec 1826
DIED 13 Dec 1902
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

7 Mary (Maria) Geeding
BORN
WHERE
DIED 1858
WHERE Lee County, Iowa

8 George Adam Yeisley
BORN 1752
WHERE Northampton Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED c1778
DIED Nov 1825
WHERE Monroe Co., PA

9 Christine Zellner
BORN 1755
WHERE Northampton Co., PA
DIED 28 Mar 1851
WHERE Monroe Co., PA

10 (John) Jacob Kemmerer
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED bef. 1782
DIED 1829-1830
WHERE Monroe Co., PA

11 Eva Elizabeth
BORN 19 Nov 1759
WHERE Bucks County, PA
DIED 1797-1799
WHERE

12 Christian Sherer
BORN 6 May 1763
WHERE Orange Co., NC
WHEN MARRIED c1790
DIED Nov 1843
WHERE Preble Co., Ohio

13 Nellie
BORN
WHERE
DIED bef. 1819
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
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16 * Nicklaus Yeisley
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

17 * Julianna
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

18 * Conrad Zellner
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

19 * Margaretha Kemmerer, dau/Frederick
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

20 * John Nicholas Kemmerer
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

21 * Marie Elizabeth
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

22 * Hans Ulrich Schleppi
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

23 * Anna Eva
CONT. ON CHART

24 * Jacob Daniel Sherer
b. Germany CONT. ON CHART

25 * Hannah Sophia Dick
CONT. ON CHART

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CHART NO. 3

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 5
ON CHART NO. 1

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 **Allie Belle Coulter**
BORN 3 Sep 1879
WHERE Essex, Page Co., IA
WHEN MARRIED 23 Aug 1899
DIED 22 May 1972
WHERE Blair, Nebraska

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Walter Yeisley

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Walter Yeisley Bible
Records: Donald Cummins
Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin
Marriage Records:
Nodaway County, MO

2 **Charles E. Coulter**
BORN 15 Mar 1856
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED c1878
DIED 5 Sep 1925
WHERE Nodaway Co., Missouri

3 **Ollie Hastings**
BORN 8 Nov 1860
WHERE
DIED 9 Nov 1884
WHERE Omaha, Douglas Co., NB

4 **Adam Coulter**
BORN 1810
WHERE Monroe Co., West VA
WHEN MARRIED c. 1844
DIED 12 May 1899
WHERE Nodaway County, MO

5 **Rebecca Wiseman**
BORN 4 Apr 1818
WHERE Monroe Co., West VA
DIED 19 Nov 1904
WHERE Nodaway County, MO

6 **Byron D. "Turney" Hastings**
BORN c1835
WHERE Ohio
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

7 **Sarah Gallion**
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8 **William Coulter**
BORN
WHERE Virginia
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE Gallia Co., OH

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

10 **Isaac Wiseman**
BORN 27 Jan 1796
WHERE Monroe Co., West VA
WHEN MARRIED 1 Apr 1817
DIED 1870
WHERE Lawrence Co., Ohio

11 **Sarah Ramsey**
BORN c1796
WHERE Virginia
DIED
WHERE

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WHEN MARRIED
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WHEN MARRIED
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20 Isaac Wiseman
CONT. ON CHART 4
21 Mary Magdalena Armentrout
CONT. ON CHART
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23 CONT. ON CHART
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PEDIGREE CHART

CHART NO. 4

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS 20
THE SAME PERSON AS NO. ___
ON CHART NO. 3

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 Isaac Wiseman III
BORN 17 Jan 1764
WHERE Berks Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED 1785(?)
DIED 14 Jul 1852
WHERE Gallia Co., Ohio

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Mary Magdalena Armentrout

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Records of: Robert D. and Robert W. Wiseman, two of the Wiseman Historians

2 Isaac Wiseman II
BORN 18 Aug 1738
WHERE Oley, Berks Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED c1758
DIED 3 May 1818
WHERE Monroe Co., W. VA

3 Elizabeth Davis
BORN 26 Aug 1738
WHERE Berks County, PA
DIED 19 Jul 1807
WHERE Monroe Co., W. VA

4 Isaac Wiseman, Sr.
BORN c1706
WHERE Aboard'ship (?)
WHEN MARRIED c1737
DIED 3 Feb 1779
WHERE. Rowan Co., NC

5 Mary Marshall
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

6 Samuel Davis
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

7
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8 * Thomas (?) Wiseman
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED July 1716
WHERE Philadelphia, PA

9 Elizabeth (?)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
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WHEN MARRIED
DIED
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BORN
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WHEN MARRIED
DIED
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CHART NO. 5

PEDIGREE CHART

1 Lyman Davison
BORN 10 Sep 1807
WHERE Bennington Co., VT
WHEN MARRIED c1829
DIED 1899
WHERE Lenawee Co., MI

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Miranda Childs

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Bennington Co., VT VR's
Cheshire Co., NH VR's
Topsfield, Essex Co., MA VR's
Deerfield & Conway, Franklin Co., MA VR's
Boxford, Essex Co., MA VR's

2 Henry L. Davison
BORN 23 Jun 1772
WHERE Franklin Co., MA
WHEN MARRIED Sep 1793
DIED
WHERE

3 Sally Estey
BORN 28 Apr 1774
WHERE Keene, Cheshire Co., NH
DIED
WHERE Bennington Co., Vermont

4 Daniel Henry Davison
BORN c1738
WHERE Boston, Suffolk, MA
WHEN MARRIED 4 Jun 1767
DIED 6 Jun 1828
WHERE Craftsbury, Orleans, MA

5 Martha Harrington
BORN 8 Mar 1746
WHERE Franklin Co., MA
DIED 17 May 1815
WHERE Bennington Co., VT

6 Isaac Estey
BORN 30 Sep 1731
WHERE Topsfield, Essex, MA
WHEN MARRIED 2 Sep 1755
DIED 15 Nov 1807
WHERE Bennington Co., Vermont

7 Hannah Smith
BORN bp. 5 Apr 1730
WHERE Boxford, Essex Co., MA
DIED 15 Mar 1807
WHERE Bennington Co., Vermont

8 Daniel Davison
BORN bp. 19 Aug 1713
WHERE Newbury, Essex, MA
WHEN MARRIED 27 Dec 1733
DIED 1752
WHERE Boston, Suffolk, MA

9 Margaret Oglesby
BORN 18 Oct 1715
WHERE Boston, Suffolk, MA
DIED
WHERE

10 David Harrington
BORN 25 Jul 1719
WHERE Marlborough, Mdx., MA
WHEN MARRIED c1743
DIED 16 Feb 1756
WHERE

11
BORN
WHERE
DIED 20 Jan 1809
WHERE

12 Aaron Estey
BORN 16 Feb 1698/99
WHERE Topsfield, Essex, MA
WHEN MARRIED 7 Jun 1923
DIED 21 Apr 1783
WHERE Topsfield, Essex, MA

13 Esther Richards
BORN 7 Jul 1905
WHERE
DIED 23 Jul 1805
WHERE Topsfield, Essex Co., MA

14 Jacob Smith
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

16 (Capt.) Nicholas Davison
b. Essex Co., MA CONT. ON CHART 9

17 Anne
CONT. ON CHART

18 Patrick Oglesbee
CONT. ON CHART

19 Margaret
CONT. ON CHART

20 David Harrington s/of Daniel
CONT. ON CHART

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24 Isaac Estey, s/of Isaac
CONT. ON CHART 6

25 Abigail Kimball, dau/of John
CONT. ON CHART

26 Crispus Richards, s/of John
CONT. ON CHART

27 Sarah Collins
CONT. ON CHART

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CHART NO. 6

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 12 ON CHART NO. 5

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 Aaron Esty/Estey
BORN 16 Feb 1698/9
WHERE Topsfield, Essex Co., MA
WHEN MARRIED 7 Jun 1723
DIED 21 Apr 1783
WHERE Topsfield, Essex Co., MA

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Esther Richards

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Essex (MA) Institute Historical Collections #36
Topsfield (MA) Historical Collections
Records of Gay Estey Bangs
Records of Mary Estey McKinney
Vital Records: Ipswich, Wenham, MA

2 Isaac Esty
BORN c1656
WHERE Topsfield, Essex Co.,MA
WHEN MARRIED 14 Oct 1689
DIED c. May 1714
WHERE Topsfield, Essex Co.,MA

3 Abigail Kimball
BORN 22 Mar 1667
WHERE Ipswich, Essex Co., MA
DIED 12 Feb 1760
WHERE Essex Co., MA

4 * Isaac Esty/Estie
BORN 17 Nov 1627
WHERE Freston; Suffolk, Eng.
WHEN MARRIED
DIED Jun 1712
WHERE Topsfield, Essex Co.,MA

5 * Mary Towne
BORN bp. 24 Aug 1634
WHERE Yarmouth, Norfolk, Eng
DIED 22 Sep 1692
WHERE Salem, Essex Co., MA

6 * John Kimball
BORN 1631
WHERE Suffolk Co., England
WHEN MARRIED 1655
DIED 6 May 1698
WHERE Essex Co., MA

7 * Mary Bradstreet
BORN 1633
WHERE England
DIED
WHERE

8 * Jeffery Esty
BORN c1587
WHERE Suffolk Co., England
WHEN MARRIED 29 May 1606
DIED 4 Jan 1657
WHERE Little Neck, L.I., NY

9 * Margaret Pote (Pott)
BORN
WHERE England
DIED bef. 1657
WHERE

10 * William Towne
BORN bp. 18 Mar 1598/9
WHERE Norfolk, England
WHEN MARRIED 25 Mar 1620
DIED c1672
WHERE Essex County, MA

11 * Joannah Blessing
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

12 * Richard Kimball
BORN c1595
WHERE Suffolk Co., England
WHEN MARRIED 1614
DIED 22 Jun 1675
WHERE Essex Co., MA.

13 * Ursula Scott
BORN 1597
WHERE Suffolk Co., England
DIED bef. 1661
WHERE

14 Humphrey Bradstreet
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

15 Bridgett
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

16 Christopher Esty
CONT. ON CHART

17 Ann Arnold
CONT. ON CHART

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CONT. ON CHART

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CONT. ON CHART

20 John Towne
CONT. ON CHART

21 Elizabeth
CONT. ON CHART

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CONT. ON CHART

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24 prob. Henry Kimball
CONT. ON CHART

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CONT. ON CHART

26 Henry Scott
CHART

27 Martha Whitlock
CONT. ON CHART

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CHART NO. 7

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 13 ON CHART NO. 1

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 Isabelle Salome Forest
BORN 17 Mar 1842
WHERE Illinois
WHEN MARRIED c. 1868
DIED 9 Jan 1925
WHERE Nodaway Co., MO

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Henry L. Davison

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Genealogy of McKee, Stipp, McClintock, Stewart, etc. by James R. McKee
Death Cert. of Isabelle Davison
The Kentuckian-Citizen
Probate Papers James Forest Nodaway Co., MO
Will of Greshim Forest

2 James A. Forest
BORN 1819
WHERE Nicholas Co., Kentucky
WHEN MARRIED 14 Oct 1841
DIED 1881
WHERE California

3 Rachel Munson
BORN c1820
WHERE prob. Harrison Co., KY
DIED c1843
WHERE

4 Dennis Forest
BORN 25 Oct 1784
WHERE North Carolina
WHEN MARRIED 13 Jun 1811
DIED 29 Jul 1855
WHERE Sangamon, Co., Illinois

5 Elizabeth McClintock
BORN 17 Feb 1790
WHERE Cumberland Co., PA
DIED 23 Aug 1873
WHERE Sangamon Co., Illinois

6 George Munson
BORN 1786
WHERE North Carolina
WHEN MARRIED 1 May 1807
DIED 10 June 1852
WHERE Moultrie Co., Illinois

7 Lovicy Forrest
BORN 24 Feb 1789
WHERE
DIED 21 Aug 1851
WHERE Harrison Co., Kentucky

8 Greshim Forest
BORN
WHERE North Carolina
WHEN MARRIED
DIED 1826
WHERE Calloway Co., MO

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

10 Hugh McClintock
BORN 1757
WHERE Cumberland Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED 10 May 1787
DIED 25 Jan 1850
WHERE Nicholas Co. Kentucky

11 Jane McCord
BORN c1762
WHERE Cumberland Co., PA
DIED 3 Jun 1834
WHERE Nicholas Co., Kentucky

12 Samuel Munson
BORN 1760-1765
WHERE North Carolina
WHEN MARRIED 18 Jan 1785
DIED 1832
WHERE Harrison Co., Kentucky

13 Clare Hudspeth
BORN
WHERE
DIED bef. Aug 1833
WHERE Harrison Co., Kentucky

14 Greshim Forest
BORN bef. 1765
WHERE Orange Co., N. Carolina
WHEN MARRIED
DIED 1826
WHERE Calloway Co., Missouri

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

16 William Forest, s/of James
CONT. ON CHART

17 Lovina/Louisa Greshim
CONT. ON CHART

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20 * Joseph McClintock
B. Ireland
CONT. ON CHART

21 Elizabeth Torrence
CONT. ON CHART

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CONT. ON CHART

24 Samuel Munson
CONT. ON CHART 10

25 Mrs. Sarah Prudden
CONT. ON CHART

26 Ralph Hudspeth
CONT. ON CHART 11

27 Judy Ran
CONT. ON CHART

28 Wm. Forest, s/James
CONT. ON CHART

29 Lovina Greshim
CONT. ON CHART

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CONT. ON CHART

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CHART NO. 8

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 15 ON CHART NO. 1

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 Elizabeth Thomas
BORN Feb 1830
WHERE Jefferson Co., TN
WHEN MARRIED 1 Nov 1853
DIED 1905
WHERE Nodaway Co., MO

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Elijah Ross

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Buchanan Co., MO History Pub. 1984
Buchanan Co., MO MR's
Nodaway Co., MO 1880 Census
Nodaway Co., Cem. Records

2 Jacob Thomas
BORN c1800
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED 4 Aug 1824
DIED c1844
WHERE Jefferson Co., TN

3 Mary Callahan
BORN c1806
WHERE Jefferson Co., TN
DIED c1860
WHERE Harrison Co., MO
m. 2) Rev. David Stites

4 Jacob Thomas
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED 18 Mar 1798
DIED
WHERE

5 Elizabeth Hanger
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

6 William Callahan
BORN c1771
WHERE prob. North Carolina
WHEN MARRIED 28 May 1798
DIED bef. 1815
WHERE Jefferson Co., TN

7 Rachel Van Hoozer
BORN c1775
WHERE North Carolina
DIED c1860
WHERE Harrison Co., KY

8 BORN / WHERE / WHEN MARRIED / DIED / WHERE

9 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

10 Frederick Hanger
BORN / WHERE / WHEN MARRIED / DIED / WHERE

11 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

12 Charles Callahan
BORN c1756
WHERE / WHEN MARRIED / DIED / WHERE

13 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

14 John Van Hoozer
BORN c. 1747
WHERE Lancaster Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED
DIED 1850
WHERE Jefferson Co., TN

15 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

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26 CONT. ON CHART
27 CONT. ON CHART
28 Valentine Van Hoozer 13
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29 Barbara Zerwe
CONT. ON CHART
30 CONT. ON CHART
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CHART NO. 9

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 4 ON CHART NO. 5

*Emigrant Ancestor

1 Daniel Henry Davison
BORN c. 1738
WHERE Boston, Suffolk, MA
WHEN MARRIED 4 Jun 1767
DIED 6 Jun 1828
WHERE Craftsbury, Orleans, VT

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Martha Harrington

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF DAVISON, DAVISSON, DAVIDSON FAMILIES by Arthur H. Davison
Birth; marriage, death VR's of Boston, MA
Middlesex Co.
Essex Co.

2 Daniel Davison
BORN bp. 19 Aug 1713
WHERE Newbury, Essex, MA
WHEN MARRIED 27 Aug 1733
DIED 1752
WHERE Boston, Suffolk, MA (smallpox)

3 Margaret Oglesby
BORN 18 Oct 1715
WHERE Boston, Suffolk, MA
DIED
WHERE

4 (Capt.) Nicholas Davison
BORN 20 Oct 1657
WHERE Newbury, Essex, MA
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE.

5 Anne
BORN
WHERE
DIED 6 Jul 1731
WHERE Newbury, Essex, MA

6 Patrick Oglesbee
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

7 Margaret
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8 (Maj.) Daniel Davison
BORN 9 Jan 1650
WHERE Charlestown, Mdx, MA
WHEN MARRIED 16 Dec 1673
DIED 18 Jan 1717/18
WHERE Newbury, Essex, MA

9 Abigail Coffin
BORN 20 Oct 1657
WHERE Charlestown, Mdx, MA
DIED
WHERE

10 BORN / WHERE / WHEN MARRIED / DIED / WHERE

11 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

12 BORN / WHERE / WHEN MARRIED / DIED / WHERE

13 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

14 BORN / WHERE / WHEN MARRIED / DIED / WHERE

15 BORN / WHERE / DIED / WHERE

16 * Nicholas Davison
b. Germany
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17 Joanna Miller
CONT. ON CHART

18 (Hon.) Peter Coffin
b. England CONT. ON CHART

19 Abigail Starbuck
CONT. ON CHART

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1 Samuel Munson
BORN 15 Sept 1717
WHERE Wallingford, CT
WHEN MARRIED 1 May 1751
DIED 1790
WHERE Fayette Co., KY

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Mrs. Sarah Prudden

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

2 Samuel Munson
BORN 18 Feb 1688
WHERE Wallingford, CT
WHEN MARRIED 28 Jan 1714
DIED 17 Apr 1783
WHERE Morristown, NJ

3 Mary Moss
BORN 24 Jul 1694
WHERE Wallingford, CT
DIED 1740
WHERE Wallingford, CT

4 Samuel Munson
BORN 28 Feb 1668
WHERE New Haven, CT
WHEN MARRIED 1688
DIED 22 Nov 1741
WHERE Wallingford, CT

5 Martha Farnes
BORN
WHERE
DIED 9 Jan 1707
WHERE Wallingford, CT

6 John Moss
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

7 Martha Lathrop
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8 Samuel Munson
BORN June 1643
WHERE New Haven, CT
WHEN MARRIED 26 Oct 1665
DIED 1693
WHERE New Haven, CT

9 Martha Bradley
BORN
WHERE
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1 CLAREY HUDSPETH
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED 18 Jan 1785
DIED 1833
WHERE Harrison Co., Ky.

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
SAMUEL MONSON

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

2 GEORGE HUDSPETH
BORN c. 1735/1737
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED c. 1755/1757
DIED Aft. 1804
WHERE Warren County, Ky.

3 JUDY RAN
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

4 RALPH HUDSPETH
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED 1777
WHERE Surry County, N.C. Kentucky

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WHEN MARRIED
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DIED
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8 RALPH HUDSPETH
BORN c. 1666
WHERE Corbridge, N. England
WHEN MARRIED 1688/1689
DIED 1718
WHERE Henrico Co., Va.

9 MARGARET EYRES
BORN
WHERE
DIED
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1 **Valentine Van Hooser**
BORN 1725/26
WHERE Lancaster Co., PA
WHEN MARRIED 22 Dec. 1746
DIED 1781
WHERE

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Barbara Zerwe

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

2 **Johannes Van Hooser**
BORN 1697
WHERE Albany Co., NY
WHEN MARRIED 11 Aug 1720
DIED aft Jan 1762
WHERE Anson Co., NC

3 **Elizabeth Laux**
BORN
WHERE Prussia
DIED
WHERE

4 **Johannes Van Hoosen**
BORN 1655
WHERE Albany Colony, NY
WHEN MARRIED c1686
DIED aft 1724
WHERE

5 **Janitte de Ryck**
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

6 **Valentine Laux**
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8 *** Jan Franssee Van Hoosen**
BORN c1608
WHERE Netherlands
WHEN MARRIED 15 May 1639
DIED 1703
WHERE Albany Colony, NY

9 **Volkie Van Noorstrant**
BORN c1618
WHERE
DIED c1703
WHERE Albany Colony, NY

10 **Jan Cornelias de Ryck**
BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
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